



Koala crossings

School crossing monitors play an important part in road safety. To be a school crossing monitor, you must be a student aged 10 years or older, a teacher or school volunteer and must be trained and authorised by a member of the South Australia Police. Upon completion, students will receive a certificate to be a school crossing monitor lasting for twelve months.

The Road Safety Centre offers free school crossing monitor training, anywhere in the state.

What is a koala crossing?

Koala crossings have white road markings, red and white posts and two yellow alternating flashing lights. They are only operational when the yellow lights are flashing and a speed limit of 25 km/h applies to drivers between signs on the approach to the crossing. Drivers must stop for pedestrians using or about to use the crossing.

Tips for school crossing monitors

- There must be a minimum of two monitors and a maximum of three monitors to operate a koala crossing.
- Make sure you put on a safety vest before proceeding to the crossing.
- Remember to bring all equipment with you to the crossing. This includes stop signs, whistle, notebook, pen and rain coat if required.
- When carrying the stop signs to and from the crossing, carry them in the 'trail' position (make sure the sign is horizontal to the ground like a pizza/pancake so the sharp edges are facing away from you).
- Ensure that the flashing lights are operating correctly. If they are not, a teacher or school volunteer must contact the Traffic Management Centre on 1800 018 313.
- The head monitor must be positioned on the busiest side of the crossing.
- Monitors must work from the safety of the kerb and must not cross the road with pedestrians, other than at the commencement and completion of their duties.
- The head monitor must give clear and audible instructions to the other monitors and pedestrians. These instructions must be the same as the ones taught in your training.
- When it is safe to do so, the head monitor will direct the other monitors to display their stop signs and ensure all vehicles have stopped before allowing pedestrians to cross. The head monitor will also make sure that all pedestrians are off the crossing before allowing vehicles to proceed.
- When you have finished monitor duties, make sure you put all the equipment away.

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What to do if someone disobeys a direction

If a pedestrian or the driver of a vehicle disobeys a school crossing monitor direction or disobeys traffic lights, a monitor should record the following information in their notebook and give the details to a teacher or school crossing monitor volunteer:

- time and date
- description of pedestrian / driver
- vehicle details (colour, make, registration number)
- direction of travel
- witness details
- description of incident
- any other relevant information.

If police attendance is required, the teacher/school crossing monitor volunteer should call police on 131 444.

If police attendance is not required but the teacher/school crossing monitor volunteer wishes to lodge a traffic complaint, contact the Road Safety Centre on SAPOL.RoadSafetySection@police.sa.gov.au

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