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Crossings for Pedestrians

Crossings for pedestrians are indicated by road markings, signs or lights. This is where pedestrians can cross the road safely. Drivers must give way to pedestrians at all types of crossings. There are different types of crossings for pedestrians. They are:

Emu Crossings

Emu crossings have white road markings, red and white posts and operate only when the children's crossing flags are displayed. They are placed within school zones and a speed limit of 25 km/h applies to drivers when children are present. Drivers must stop for pedestrians using or about to use the crossing.

Koala Crossings

Koala crossings have white road markings, red and white posts with two yellow alternating flashing lights on top. They are only operational when the yellow lights are flashing and a speed 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.

Pedestrian Actuated Crossings

Pedestrian actuated crossings have white road markings and are controlled by traffic lights. Push buttons are provided at these crossings for pedestrians to use to activate red traffic lights to stop vehicles and allow pedestrians to cross safely. Lights with a green or red pedestrian symbol are displayed for pedestrians, and may be accompanied by a signal counting down the time until the red pedestrian symbol is displayed. Drivers can travel at the general speed limit of the road and must stop on the red signal.

Zebra Crossings

Zebra crossings have white parallel stripes painted on the road with pedestrian crossing signs and may include two yellow alternating flashing lights. Drivers must give way to a pedestrian or rider of a bicycle on or entering the crossing and must drive at a speed which allows them to stop safely before the crossing if necessary.

Wombat Crossings

Wombat crossings have white parallel stripes painted on a raised section of road with pedestrian crossing signs and are usually accompanied by a 40 km/h speed limit. Drivers must give way to a pedestrian or rider of a bicycle on or entering the crossing and must drive at a speed which allows them to stop safely before the crossing if necessary.





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Level Crossings

Level crossings are where train tracks or tram tracks cross a road or path. Pedestrians must not cross train tracks or tram tracks at a level crossing when a train or tram is approaching. Warning lights start ringing and flashing and a gate, boom or barrier is opening, closing or is closed.

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