



## Pedestrian actuated 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 pedestrian actuated crossing?

Pedestrian actuated crossings have white road markings and are controlled by traffic lights. Pedestrian push buttons are provided at these crossings 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.

Schools may provide school crossing monitors to supervise the crossing of pedestrians.

### Tips for school crossing monitors

- If a school chooses to provide school crossing monitors at a pedestrian actuated crossing, there should be two monitors on duty.
- 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 a whistle, rope/chain (if used) notebook, pen and rain coat if required.
- Ensure that the traffic 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 is responsible for pressing the pedestrian push button and must give clear and audible instructions to the other monitor and pedestrians. These instructions must be the same as the ones taught in your training.
- The head monitor will ensure all vehicles have stopped before allowing pedestrians to cross.

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- As pedestrians are crossing, a red 'Don't Walk' signal may start to flash. This signal is not for pedestrians already on the crossing but for pedestrians about to leave the kerb. Monitors may extend their arms to prevent pedestrians moving forward. Some schools choose to use rope or a chain for this purpose.
- When you have finished monitor duties, make sure you put all the equipment away.

## What to do if someone disobeys traffic lights

If a pedestrian or the driver of a vehicle 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](mailto:SAPOL.RoadSafetySection@police.sa.gov.au)

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