



Pedestrian Actuated Crossings

School crossing monitors

School crossing monitors play an important role in keeping everyone safe on the road.

To become a monitor, you must:

- be a student aged 10 years or older, a teacher or a school volunteer
- complete training delivered by an authorised member of South Australia Police.

Once trained, students receive a certificate that is valid for 12 months.

SAPOL's Road Safety Centre provides free training to schools anywhere in South Australia.

What is a pedestrian actuated crossing?

A pedestrian actuated crossing:

- has white road markings
- is controlled by traffic lights
- has push buttons that activate red lights to stop vehicles
- displays green and red pedestrian symbols, sometimes with a countdown timer.

Drivers must follow the traffic lights and obey the normal speed limit unless otherwise signposted. Schools may choose to have trained monitors supervise these crossings.

Tips for school crossing monitors

- There must be a minimum of 2 monitors and a maximum of 3 monitors.
- Put on your safety vest before going to the crossing.
- Bring all required equipment: notebook, pen and raincoat (if needed).
- Check that the lights are working. If they're not, an adult must contact the Traffic Management Centre on 1800 018 313.
- The head monitor should stand on the busiest side of the crossing.
- Monitors must stay on the kerb and must not cross the road with pedestrians, except at the start and end of the shift.
- The head monitor presses the pedestrian button, gives clear, loud instructions using the words taught during training and makes sure all vehicles have stopped before allowing anyone to cross.





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- When the red 'Don't Walk' signal begins flashing, it is a warning for others to not begin crossing. Those who are already crossing the road should continue crossing. Monitors may extend their arms, use a rope or chain, depending on the school to hold pedestrians back.
- After your shift, return all equipment to the correct place.

If someone disobeys instructions

If a driver or pedestrian disobeys a monitor's direction, they should record the following in their notebook:

- time and date
- description of the person
- vehicle colour, make and registration
- direction of travel
- witness details
- description of what happened
- any other useful information.

Give this information to an adult. If needed, the adult should call police on **131 444**.

If police attendance is not required but a traffic complaint should be made, contact the Road Safety Centre at: SAPOL.RoadSafetySection@police.sa.gov.au



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