

Emu 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 an emu crossing?

Emu crossings are identified by:

- white road markings
- red and white posts
- children's crossing flags (the crossing operates only when flags are displayed).

These crossings are found in school zones. When children are present, the speed limit for drivers is 25 km/h. Drivers must stop for anyone using, or about to use, the crossing.

Tips for school crossing monitors

- There must be a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 monitors.
- Put on your safety vest before going to the crossing.
- Bring all required equipment: flags, stop signs, whistle, notebook, pen and raincoat (if needed).
- Carry stop signs in the "trail" position - flat and horizontal like a pizza or pancake with the edges pointing away from you.
- Make sure the children's crossing flags are displayed before you start.
- 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 must give loud and clear instructions to other monitors and pedestrians, using the words taught in training.



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- When it is safe, the head monitor will signal the other monitors to display their stop signs and make sure all vehicles have stopped before allowing pedestrians to cross.
- Ensure all pedestrians have completely crossed before allowing vehicles to move again.
- After the shift, return all equipment to the correct place.

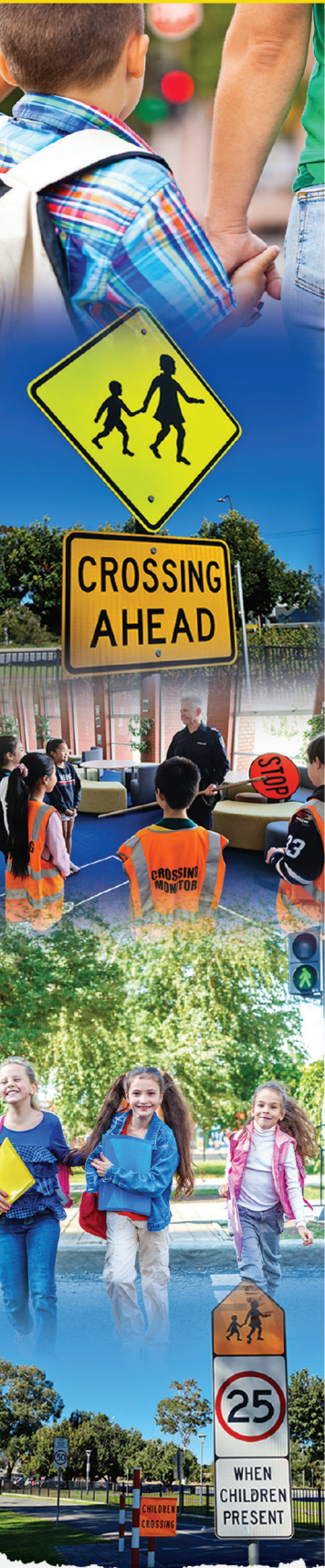
If someone disobeys instructions

If a driver or pedestrian disobeys a monitor's direction, the monitor 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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