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Guidance for Pedestrians

You will only be able to teach children how to be safe on the roads if you understand and practice the Green Cross Code yourself. And understand the different types of crossings - and when it is safe to use them.

Refresh your knowledge of Rules for Pedestrians by visiting the Directgov website and looking at sections 1-35 of the Highway Code. You can follow the link below -
www.direct.gov.uk/en/TravelAndTransport/Highwaycode/DG_070108

Quiz

Check your knowledge using our True or False quiz

Question 1

If there is no pavement you should keep to the right-hand side of the road so you can see oncoming traffic.

True False

Question 2

If there is a sharp right-hand bend it may be safer to cross the road well before this - so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you.

True False

Question 3

If you have a child with you they should always walk on the side nearest the traffic so that drivers can see them clearly.

True False

Question 4

In poor daylight conditions it's important to wear something reflective, such as armbands, sashes, waistcoats, jackets and footwear, because these can be seen by drivers up to three times as far away as non-reflective materials.

True False

Question 5

When pushing a child in a buggy it is important to push the buggy into the road when you intend to cross, so that drivers have plenty of time to stop.

True False

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Question 6

There is a separate Green Cross Code for children.

True False

Question 7

Children are able to understand and use the Green Cross Code at the age of 9 so are safe to be allowed out alone at this age.

True False

Question 8

Parents and carers are the people responsible for deciding at what age children can safely use the Green Cross Code by themselves.

True False

Question 9

You should avoid crossing the road diagonally.

True False

Question 10

At a junction, when crossing the road, look out for traffic turning into the road, especially from traffic in front of you.

True False

Question 11

At a junction, if you have already started crossing and traffic wants to turn into the road, you should hurry back to the side of the road you came from.

True False

Question 12

The Highway Code says that as a pedestrian you should look out for cyclists and motorcyclists travelling between lanes of traffic, when you are crossing the road.

True False

Question 13

All routes shared with cyclists are carefully segregated by tramline patterns on the cyclists' side and a ladder pattern on the pedestrians' side.

True False

Question 14

At a crossing you should always cross between the studs or over the zebra markings.

True False

Question 15

At a zebra crossing, cars must stop as soon as they see you approach the crossing-so you are safe to cross at any time.

True False

Question 16

At traffic lights you should only start to cross the road when the green figure shows.

True False

Question 17

If there is no pedestrian crossing at traffic lights, you should wait until the traffic lights are red and the traffic has stopped, before attempting to cross.

True False

Question 18

Pelican crossings are operated by control buttons which are pushed by pedestrians. It is safe to start crossing when the green figure is flashing.

True False

Question 19

At a 'staggered' pelican or puffin crossing, when crossings on each side of the central refuge are not in line, this is considered to be two separate crossings. So you will need to press the button again after reaching the central island to wait for the steady still/green figure.

True False

Question 20

You should never cross a railway level crossing if the red light or a red figure is showing, or if an alarm is sounding and the barriers are being lowered.

True False

Answers:

1. TRUE

2. TRUE

3. FALSE – When taking children out on the pavement, you should keep between them and the traffic and hold their hand firmly.

4. TRUE

5. FALSE – The Highway Code says 'when pushing a young child in a buggy, do not push the buggy into the road when checking to see if it is clear to cross, particularly between parked vehicles.'

6. FALSE – The advice contained within the Green Cross Code is applicable to all pedestrians – whatever their age.

7. FALSE – The age at which children can understand the Green Cross Code, and judge the speed and distances of cars varies from child to child. So children should not be allowed out alone until they are able to understand and use it properly.

8. TRUE

9. TRUE

10. FALSE – At a junction you should be especially looking out for traffic coming from **behind** you.

11. FALSE – At a junction, if you have already started crossing the road, you have priority and the traffic should give way to you.

12. TRUE

13. FALSE – This is a bit of a trick question. These are the correct markings to distinguish shared routes



– but shared routes are not always segregated in this way. So you need to take extra care when this is the case.

14. TRUE

15. FALSE – Traffic does not have to stop until someone has moved onto the crossing, so it's important to keep looking both ways and listening in case traffic is overtaking and has not seen you or the crossing.

16. TRUE

17. TRUE

18. FALSE – At a pelican crossing you should only cross when the green figure is steady/still. When it starts to flash this shows that the light will soon be turning red so you should not start crossing. But you should have time to finish crossing safely if you have already started crossing.

19. TRUE

20. TRUE