# MEDIA RELEASE 3: PEDESTRIANS WARNED TO TAKE CARE AT ROUNDABOUTS

Pedestrians are being warned about crossing roads at roundabouts, which have different traffic rules affecting pedestrians to other intersections and can be confusing.

Mayor/Councillor (**insert name**) reminded pedestrians that at roundabouts vehicles turning into the road a pedestrian is about to cross are not required to give way.

“Unlike at other types of intersections, pedestrians should give way to all vehicles, even turning vehicles. Pedestrians should look in all directions for approaching traffic, and cross only when it is clear and safe to do so,” Cr (**insert name**) said.

Some single lane roundabouts have marked crossing points; others have midway pedestrian islands, which allow the road to be crossed in stages. Pedestrians should always use these where available.

Crossing at multi-lane roundabouts should be avoided as they are very difficult places for pedestrians to cross, often with fast moving traffic.

“Pedestrians should look for marked crossings that are often near multi-lane roundabouts and use these,” Cr (**insert name**) said.

“Otherwise pedestrians should seek a safe place to cross, well away from the roundabout.”

Cr (**insert name**) also urged drivers and riders to take extra care at roundabouts, as some pedestrians may not know that they must give way to all vehicles. Motorists must signal if turning so that pedestrians and other road users have warning of their intentions. Cr (**insert name**) said, “All road users, including pedestrians, should allow for people making mistakes or not obeying road rules.”

Drivers and riders are asked to watch out especially for pedestrians who may step out onto the road unexpectedly, in particular children, the elderly and people affected by alcohol.

“It is the responsibility of drivers and riders to avoid a collision at all times,” Cr (**insert name**) said.

“Pedestrians must also take responsibility for their own safety, ensure they can be seen and remain alert at all times,” Cr **(insert name)** said.

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