

## Midblock crossings – choosing a safe place to cross

Pedestrians should always choose a safe place to cross. Here are some tips to help choose safe crossing places when there are no marked pedestrian crossings:

- Cross where it is possible to see approaching traffic and drivers have a clear view of you.
- Always wait for a safe gap in the traffic when crossing.
- Avoid crossing at places with a limited view of approaching traffic.
  - A crest of a hill can restrict the view of traffic.
  - A bend in the road makes it difficult to see traffic and to be seen by drivers.
  - Parked cars, shrubs, signs or other things on the roadside can make it difficult to see or be seen.



If possible, choose a safe place where there are facilities to help cross, such as:

- a kerb extension
- a pedestrian refuge
- a median strip on a divided road.

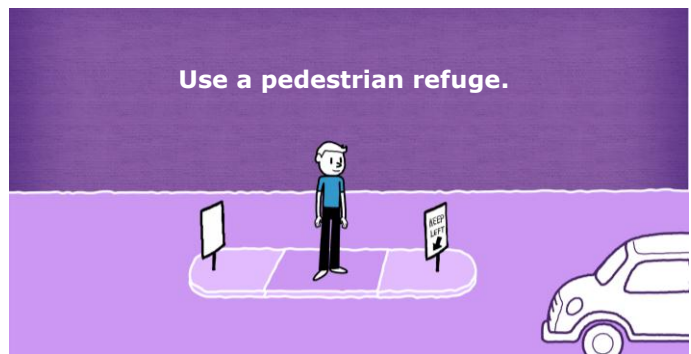
Always plan walking routes to include safe crossing points. Make use of marked pedestrian crossings where possible.

### Drivers and riders

Drivers and riders need to look out for pedestrians crossing the road and should always expect the unexpected, such as:

- Pedestrians crossing near bends or crests, between parked cars or hidden from view by road side objects such as signs.
- Older people who move slowly or don't see or hear approaching traffic.
- Children running onto the road without looking or seeing your vehicle.
- People affected by alcohol (especially near hotels and bars).
- People who do not know the rules.

**Pedestrians should always choose a safe place to cross and wait for a safe gap in traffic.**



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