



SOMERSET
Road Safety

Green Cross Code wrist band



Stop - Look - Listen

1. First find the safest place to cross

- If possible, cross the road at: subways, footbridges, islands, or at a zebra, puffin, pelican or toucan crossing.
- Otherwise, choose a place where you can see clearly in all directions, and where drivers can see you.
- Try to avoid crossing between parked cars and on sharp bends or close to the top of a hill.

2. Stop just before you get to the kerb

- Do not get too close to the traffic. If there is no pavement, keep back from the edge of the road but make sure you can still see approaching traffic.
- Give yourself lots of time to have a good look all around.

3. Look all around for traffic and listen

- Look in every direction and listen carefully because you can sometimes hear traffic before seeing it.

(SEE OVER)

4. If traffic is coming, let it pass

- Look all around again and listen.
- Do not cross until there is a safe gap in the traffic. Remember, even if traffic is a long way off, it may be approaching very quickly.

5. When it is safe, go straight across the road – do not run

- Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross
- Look out for cyclists and motorcyclists travelling between lanes of traffic.
- Do not cross diagonally.

Information for parents/carers: How you can help your child and other children

- Use the Green Cross Code yourself and show your child how to use the code to cross the road.
- Point out dangerous places to cross on local roads. Point out safer places as well.
- Use pedestrian crossings even if it involves a small detour.
- Talk about the importance of not using a mobile phone or texting while crossing the road.
- Remind your child that they cannot hear traffic if listening to music through earphones or see it properly if wearing a large hood.

Important information

Somerset Road Safety does not recommend the use of road safety wrist bands for children under the age of 36 months. Do not use the wrist band if you are allergic to silicone.

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