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PUFFIN CROSSING TOOLKIT

The Department for Transport has produced a Puffin crossing leaflet and poster which can be ordered from DfT Publications.

The following materials can be ordered:

- DL leaflet;
- A4 and A3 posters;

The leaflet is available for distribution in large quantities in local areas where Puffin crossings are being, or have recently been, installed.

The A3 and A4 posters may be used by Road Safety Officers to publicise the Puffin concept and can be ordered in small/medium quantities.

State the product code when ordering (quoted in bold below).

- DL leaflet; **TINF249**
- A4 poster; **TINF1221P**
- A3 poster; **TINF1222P**

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A Puffin Crossing movie which can be used to publicise the Puffin concept in schools and to the wider community is available at this link
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8rDH7ms18U>

A Puffin Crossings Good Practice Guide can also be downloaded from the GOV.UK website at this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/managing-improving-and-investing-in-the-road-network/supporting-pages/traffic-signs>



Crossing the road safely at a Puffin crossing

1 STOP

Before you cross the road at a Puffin crossing, **find the Red/Green man box.** You'll find this box on your side of the road, usually to your right as you face the road.

The box is positioned so that you can see the box and watch traffic at the same time.



2 WAIT

If the Green Man is showing, **make sure the traffic has stopped** in both directions before crossing the road.

If the Red Man is showing, do not cross the road.

Push the button on the Red/Green Man box.

Make sure the indicator beside the button lights up. The indicator stays lit until the box shows the Green Man.

If the indicator light goes out, push the button again and **wait for the Green Man.**



3 CROSS

When the Green Man shows and the traffic has stopped in both directions, **cross the road with care.**



Don't worry if you can't see the Red/Green Man signals when crossing. **The traffic lights will stay red until you reach the other side** of the road, allowing you to cross the road in safety.



DL LEAFLET (size 10cm x 21cm)

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How to use a Puffin Crossing

safer for pedestrians...
better for drivers

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Benefits of Puffin Crossings

SAFER FOR PEDESTRIANS

- The sensors that see you at a Puffin crossing also control the traffic lights, making sure you have enough time to cross the road safely.
- Because there is no flashing traffic light sequence, drivers don't no longer start to move until you have finished crossing.
- You can see the Red/Green Man box and watch traffic approaching at the same time.
- Partially sighted pedestrians can see the Red/Green Man signs more easily than a signal on the other side of the road.

BETTER FOR DRIVERS

- Traffic lights change to green as soon as the crossing is clear, so drivers will no longer be stopped unnecessarily if there are no pedestrians at the road.
- Traffic won't be stopped if pedestrians push the button and then cross the road before the traffic lights change to red, or if they push the button, then change their mind and walk away from the crossing.
- Look out for more and more Puffin crossings on our streets and roads. They all look the same and they all work in the same way, improving safety while reducing delay.

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How Puffin crossings work

Most Puffin crossings have sensors on top of the traffic lights, although some may be buried in the ground in the waiting area. **The sensors can spot if you are waiting to cross.** This is why it is important to stand where you can clearly see the Red/Green Man box.

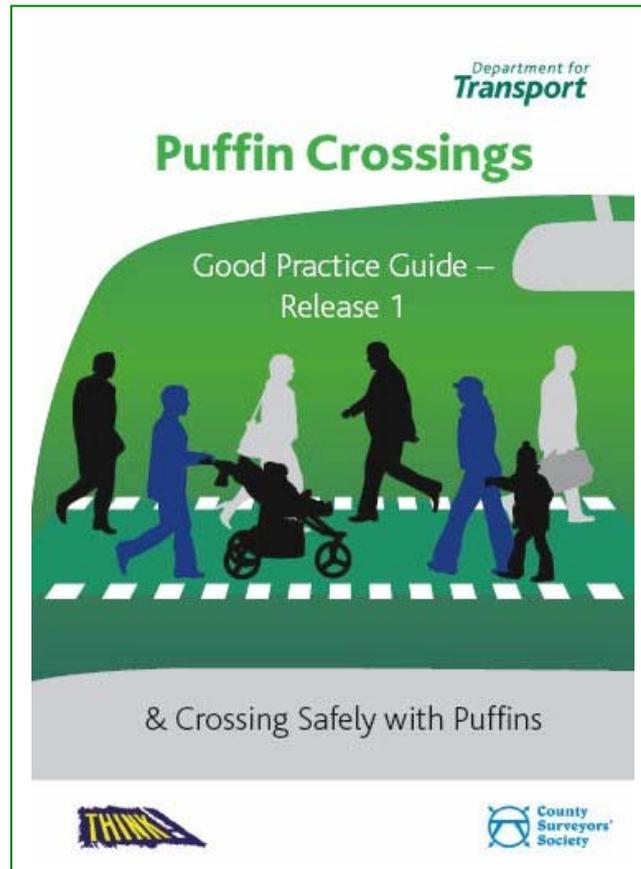
Other sensors can spot if you are already crossing the road. Drivers waiting at a Puffin crossing will only be allowed to continue once you have finished crossing the road.

Crossing the road safely at a Puffin crossing

Puffin crossings make crossing the road easier and safer. They have the Red/Green Man signals on the same side of the road as you are waiting to cross, allowing you to watch these signals and traffic at the same time. On other types of crossings, Red/Green Man signals are normally on the other side of the road.

- 1 STOP**
Before you cross the road at a Puffin crossing, **look at the Red/Green Man box.**
It will be on your side of the road, usually to your right as you face the road.
- 2 WAIT**
→ If the **Green Man is showing**, make sure the traffic has stopped in both directions before crossing the road.
→ If the **Red Man is showing**, do not cross the road.
→ **Push the button** on the Red/Green Man box and stand where you can clearly see the box.
→ Make sure the indicator beside the button lights up. The indicator stays lit until the box shows the Green Man.
→ If the indicator light goes out and the Green Man is not showing, push the button again and wait for the Green Man.
- 3 CROSS**
When the Green Man shows and the traffic has stopped in both directions, cross the road with care.
Don't worry if you can't see the Red/Green Man signals when crossing. The traffic lights will stay red for drivers in both directions until you reach the other side of the road, **allowing you to cross in safety.**

PUFFIN CROSSING GOOD PRACTICE GUIDE



The Guide provides comprehensive advice on current best practice for Puffin crossings and so helps to ensure that maximum benefits are achieved for all road users. The guidance is targeted at those involved in the whole life cycle of Puffins including advice for the decision makers involved in selecting the appropriate form of crossing and best practice guidance for designers, installers and maintainers. Advice is also included for those who arrange publicity and undertake training of school children and other vulnerable groups. The Guide includes guidance and examples of good practice for Puffin pedestrian facilities at junction traffic signals and mid block crossings including Toucan and equestrian crossings. The advice ranges from scheme concept development through installation, commissioning, and training to maintenance and applies to new installations as well as conversion of existing crossings to Puffin operation. It is intended for:

- a) scheme promoters and decision makers;
- b) designers;
- c) safety auditors;
- d) installers;
- e) commissioners;
- f) maintainers;
- g) equipment suppliers; and
- h) those involved in road safety training, safe routes to schools and travel plans.