

# ROAD SAFETY KS2

## WHY DO WE NEED TO PRACTISE ROAD SAFETY WHEN WE ARE NEAR A ROAD?

Improving safety on our roads remains a priority. Whether you're a driver, biker, cyclist or pedestrian, you should always consider the safety of yourself and those around you when heading out on (or near) the road. Awareness, behaviour and choice make up the road safety ABC and require all to have an understanding of the dangers of the road and how to safely use one.

**A is for awareness:** Traffic is dangerous and hurts people.

**B is for behaviour:** Rules you can follow to stay safe.

**C is for choice:** How to make the safest choices and help others to stay safe too.

## TO STAY SAFE ON THE ROAD YOU SHOULD:

- Use the Green Cross Code
- Stay alert when walking beside a road
- Wear a seat belt when travelling in the car and use the right sized child seat
- Make sure you are properly trained to ride your bike or scooter on the road
- Wear a cycle helmet and high visibility or bright clothing when walking near the road or on your bike
- Be bright and be seen whenever you are near a road
- Always walk on the pavement or footpath where there is one

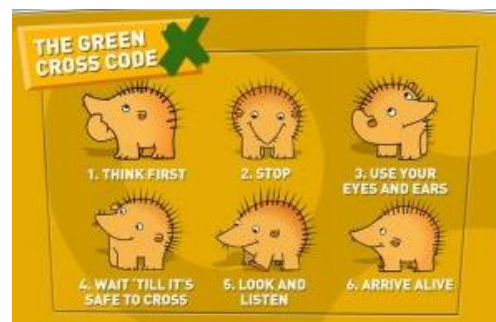


## WHAT IS THE GREEN CROSS CODE?

The Green Cross Code was designed to help raise awareness of pedestrian road safety in the United Kingdom. It began in 1970 and continues today. The Green Cross Code replaced the Kerb Drill, a military style approach to crossing the road.

The Green Cross Code is a short step-by-step technique on how to cross the road safely. There are 6 steps.

1. Think! Find a safe place to cross the road.
2. Stop! Just before you get to the kerb, stop.
3. Look! Look all around you for traffic.
4. Wait! If traffic is coming, let it pass.
5. Look and listen again! When it is safe and there is no traffic, walk straight across the road.
6. Arrive alive! Look and keep looking while you cross the road.



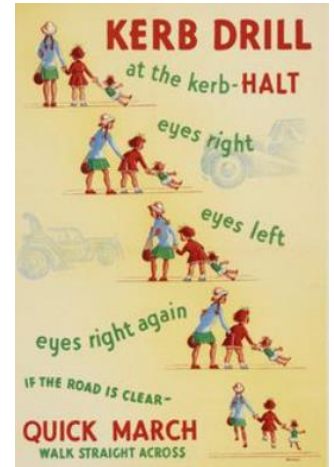
## WHAT WAS THE KERB DRILL?



The **Kerb Drill** was a procedure encouraged to help pedestrians to cross streets safely, developed by Jocelyn Arthur Adair Pickard (1885–1962), a former Royal Engineer. The Kerb Drill advised pedestrians to look before they cross:

At the kerb, halt!  
Eyes right,  
Eyes left,  
Eyes right again.  
If the road is clear,  
Quick march—walk straight across.

**The Kerb Drill's military style ("Halt! Quick march!") was deemed confusing to children by safety authorities. It was replaced by the Green Cross Code in the 1970s.**



## HISTORY OF THE GREEN CROSS MAN

The Green Cross Man is a costumed superhero character created in England in the mid-1970s as an aid to teaching young children the Green Cross Code, and for promoting general road safety via television adverts.

British actor David Prowse, who went on to play Darth Vader in the film *Star Wars* (1977), played the character in a series of adverts sponsored by the British Government's Central Office of Information for the Department of the Environment.

In the adverts the "Green Cross Man" has the power to teleport from his monitoring station at "Green Cross Control" to any location where children are in need of pedestrian safety instruction. He accomplishes this by use of a wristwatch-like "dematerialiser" device.

On these missions he is sometimes accompanied by a robot companion.

His signature exclamation of surprise or disbelief is "Green Crosses!" and his slogan is "I won't be there when *you* cross the road, so always use the Green Cross Code."



## FIND OUT MORE...

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## EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. What remains a priority in relation to road safety?
2. Who was the Green Cross Man?
3. How many steps are in the Green Cross Code?
4. Which campaign did the Green Cross Code replace?
5. Name two organisations that are always providing road safety information.
6. \_\_\_\_\_! If traffic is coming, let it pass. What is the missing word?
7. Why did safety authorities replace the Kerb Drill?
8. True or false. You should not stay alert when walking beside the road.