

How to use a Puffin Crossing

safer for pedestrians...
better for drivers



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 can 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 signals 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 in 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 delays.

75% recycled
when you have finished with this booklet please recycle it

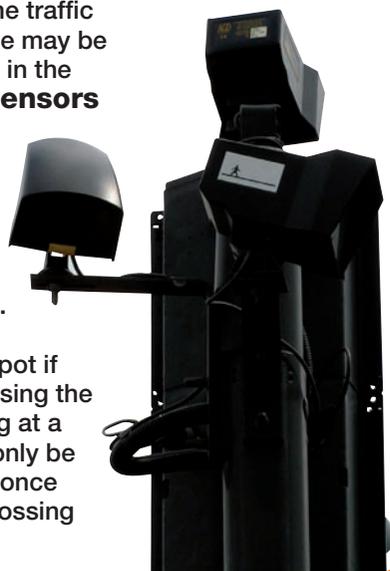
T/INF/249

Further copies can be obtained on 0870 1226 236
DfT © Crown copyright 2007

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**.