

CROSSING GUARD POCKET GUIDE



BASIC CROSSING STEPS

- 1** Tell children to wait three feet back from the curb.
- 2** Look left, right, left for traffic.
- 3** Wait for an adequate gap in traffic and/or for the WALK sign to appear at a pedestrian signal.
- 4** Enter the crosswalk, holding your stop paddle HIGH in the air, and stand in the center of the road, facing the crosswalk, scanning the roadway.
- 5** Make eye contact with drivers, and use your free hand and whistle to signal to cars to stop.
- 6** Verbally instruct children to enter the crosswalk.
- 7** Maintain your position, scanning for traffic.
- 8** Return to your original position once all children have crossed safely.



BE SAFE

Your priority is to help children cross safely. If a car does not appear to be stopping, keep yourself and the crossing children safely on the curb.

BE SEEN

Be clear and direct when communicating. Raise your stop paddle high, make eye contact, and use clear hand signals/vocal instructions/whistle. You are the first person to enter the crosswalk and the last person to leave the crosswalk.

Official Uniform

High-visibility retro-reflective safety apparel is required for official crossing guard duties.

BE A ROLE MODEL

You are providing a valuable service to your community. Always set a good example as a safe pedestrian and safe driver!

SC Law (Section 56-5-740)

Uniformed, certified crossing guards have the authority to “direct, control, or regulate” traffic. In order to become a Certified Crossing Guard, contact your local law enforcement agency to arrange for a crossing guard training.

**Training given by your local law enforcement agency will suffice for “certification.”*

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