

Role and requirements

School crossing monitors are responsible for:

- giving reasonable directions to pedestrians for the safe and efficient movement of people and traffic
- exhibiting stop signs and/or flags requiring drivers, bike riders and motorcyclists to stop before driving over a school crossing
- storage of equipment at the end of the duty.

Monitors are legally required to be at least 10 years of age and be trained and authorised by South Australian Police (SAPOL). Training sessions take approximately 45-60 minutes and are conducted by officers from the Traffic Training and Promotion Section of SAPOL. Schools can book a training session by contacting by phone 8207 6585 or email DLSAPOLRoadSafetySection@police.sa.gov.au



Supervision

A school has a duty of care to supervise students who are monitoring school crossings. Such supervision could include observing road user behaviour, making sure that monitors are wearing appropriate vests and / or raincoats and managing the crossing correctly, ensuring that monitors take down flags at the end of each duty and checking that all equipment is stored securely when not in use. Some schools choose to include supervision of crossings in their yard duty roster.

Traffic infringements

Drivers and pedestrians who disobey monitors instructions or speed through the school crossing can be reported to the Police and are dealt with under the SAPOL Traffic Watch program.

School crossings equipment

In South Australia school crossing monitors are trained by South Australia Police officers to operate the crossings at their school with each crossing type requiring certain equipment.

Emu (flag) crossings

- Flags
- Stop signs (on poles)
- Whistles
- Raincoats
- High Visibility Vests
- Notebook and pencil

Koala (lights flashing) crossings

- Stop signs (on poles)
- Whistles
- Raincoats
- High visibility vests
- Notebook and pencil

Pedestrian actuated (push button) crossings

- High visibility vests
- Raincoats
- Whistles
- Notebook and pencil

Lights - Monitors should check that all crossing lights are working before every duty.

If the lights are not working the crossing should not be supervised by school crossing monitors.

Phone 1800 018 313 if lights are faulty or are not working.

Care of equipment - All equipment should be securely stored when not in use.

To replace lost or damaged crossing equipment:

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