

HIGHWAY CODE

The Highway Code is a set of published road user guide rules. This provides rules/guidance for pedestrians, cyclists and automobile users. Pedestrians have responsibilities for the proper use of the road as much as the motorists, as we can be liable for the consequences of ourselves and of others.



- o Where there is a pavement or footpath, use it. Avoid the casual use of the carriageway.
- o On a pavement or footpath, do not walk next to the edge with your back to the traffic. Do not step into the road without looking first.
- o Where there is no adequate footpath, walk on the right hand side of the road, facing the traffic. You must be extra careful and prepared to walk in single file.
- o Do not loiter on the carriageway.
- o A marching body on the road should keep on the left hand side of the road. At the front and rear you should have neon bands especially at night - white at the front and red at the rear.
- o Do not flash light towards oncoming cars.
- o Always use subways, footbridges, pedestrian crossings or centre strips to cross the road (when available) as it is safer.
- o Otherwise cross the road from a place where you can see all directions and where motorist can see you.
- o Before crossing, stop at the edge. Look right, look left and look right again and listen for any traffic. Do not cross until the road is clear, if anything is coming let it pass. When it is safe go straight across the road (no running or diagonal). Keep looking and listening for traffic while.
- o When you have stepped off the pavement onto a zebra crossing you have the right of way, but be CAREFUL and do not cross until the cars stop.

- o Although you are crossing on a zebra crossing, you must keep a lookout both to the right and left because a driver's view of you may have been obstructed.
- o When a zebra crossing has a central refuge, each is a separate crossing, so treat it as such.
- o Never linger on a zebra crossing but cross as quickly as possible.
- o Never cross behind a vehicle that may be about to reverse or is reversing.
- o When crossing the road at a junction, look out for cars turning the corner and those from behind you.
- o At junctions controlled by traffic lights watch the traffic as well as the lights and cross only when it is safe to do so.
- o At traffic lights always wait for traffic to stop before crossing the road.
- o Do not cross the road, either at a zebra crossing or elsewhere, against a signal to stop by a Police Officer controlling traffic.
- o Do not get on or off a bus while it is moving or when it is not at a recognized stopping place. Do not step out suddenly from behind a slowly moving bus.

The full Highway Code can be found on the 'Transport Malta Site' at

<http://www.transport.gov.mt/roads-infrastructure/the-highway-code>

Suggestions:

- o Create a discussion where the cubs can talk freely of what they think is good and bad, how accidents can be avoided.
- o Posters and charts help them remember the things more and it will be a fun activity if they prepare the charts/posters during the meetings.
- o Use the below activity to see that the cubs have understood the Highway Code by watching them act. This can be a way of testing their knowledge.

ACTIVITY FACT SHEET



Activity: Hike



Objective: Highway Code



Time: 2 hours



Outline: Superman has come wandering in your HQ and plans to go on a hike to discover how the Maltese people plan their trip in order to be safe while hiking through the traffic. For this reason, he would like to learn about how to behave on the road.

The Cubs will need to practice the Highway Code. Provide the opportunity for the Cubs to go through the different scenarios mentioned in the Highway Code, so that they can actually practice what they learnt.



Equipment: Map, water, snack, first aid box



Place: Route of choice



Group Size: Pack



3rd Parties: N/A

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During the Activity:



– Engage the cubs in sharing and discussing ideas so that Superman understands the context better. Ask questions to trigger discussion like: Are there rules to be followed in the streets? What kind of rules? What happens if these rules are not obeyed?

PHYSICAL



– Going out on a hike is a practical way in which cubs can practice this Code.

INTELLECTUAL



– The cubs have a lot of learning opportunities and decision making in order to see what are the right and wrong ways in which to behave in the street.

CREATIVE



– They can also act out or/and film part of the Highway Code. They can also take photos acting out the Highway Code, so that Superman will be able to take them with him as a memento and a souvenir.

EMOTIONAL



– Cubs can focus on the different emotions that traffic and accidents can bring about like: frustration, anxiety, worry, tired. Discuss also how they can deal with such emotions like: leaving early for an appointment to make to you will be on time.

SPIRITUAL



– Have the cubs use their senses to observe their surroundings, maybe even compare them with what they themselves had observed in nature.

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