

Objectives of this module:

- to encourage you to remember pedestrians in your road safety engineering work
- to outline some things for you to think about in pedestrian safety during your daily work, during audits, or when investigating blackspots
- to outline a few of the special safety needs of pedestrians, especially the four groups most at risk"



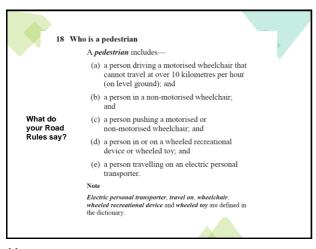
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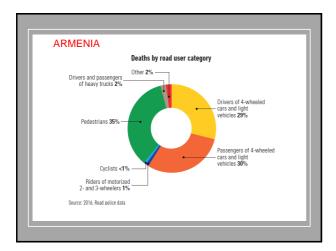


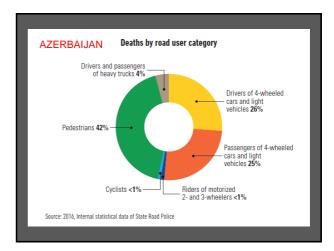


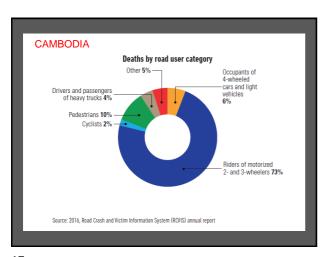
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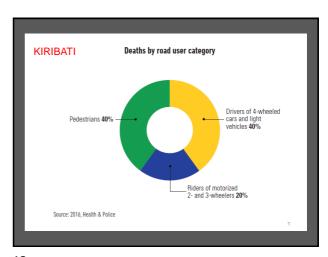




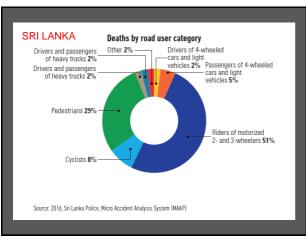


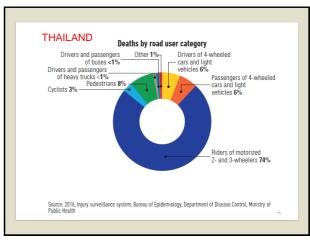


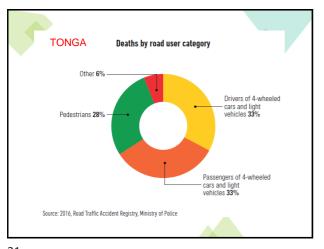


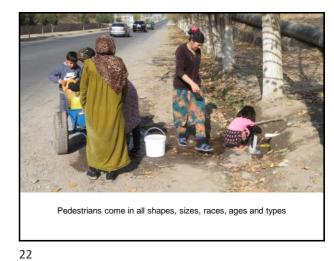


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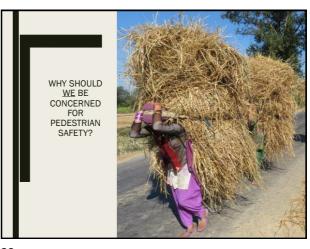












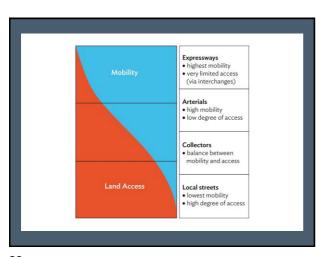


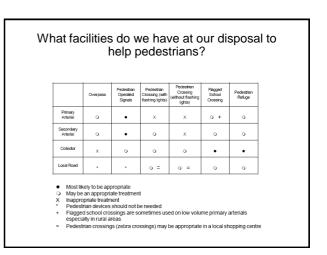
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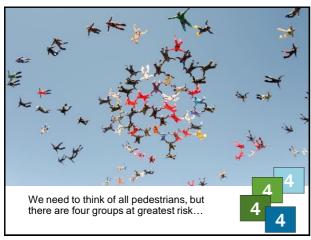
- Pedestrians are the largest group of road users (globally)
- No pedestrian licence needed
- · Very mobile
- · All ages
- · Very vulnerable serious injuries if struck
- 15 50% of road fatalities (depending on city, country)
- About 400,000 pedestrians killed on the roads (globally) per annum
- More than 1000 every day!















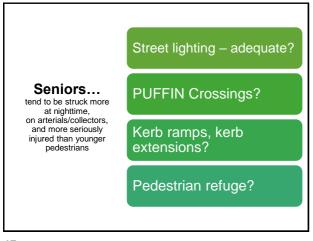
young - 20% of pedestrian fatalities are aged 4-12 years

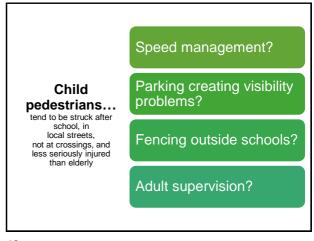
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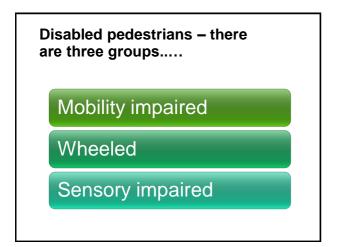
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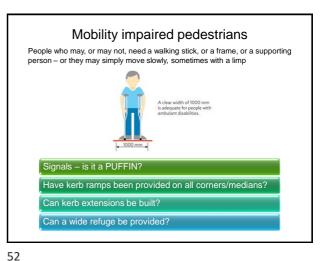




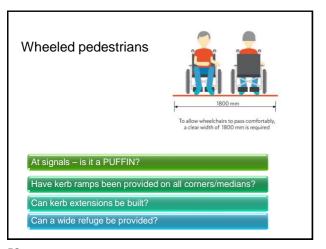


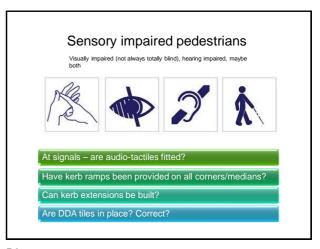






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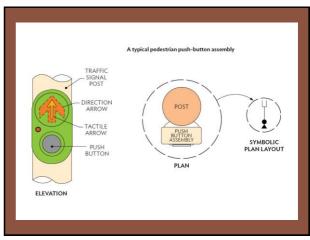




























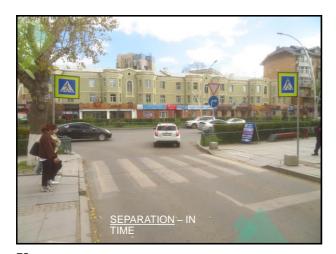




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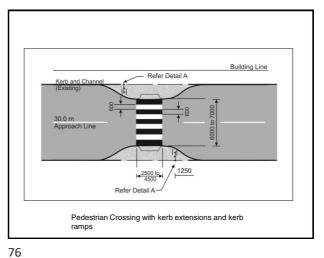
- (3) A pedestrian crossing is an area of a road—
 (a) at a place with white stripes on the road surface that—
 (i) run lengthwise along the road; and
 (ii) are of approximately the same length; and

 - (iii) are approximately parallel to each other; and
- (iv) are in a row that extends completely, or partly, across the road; and
 - (b) with or without either or both of the following-

 - (i) a pedestrian crossing sign;(ii) alternating flashing twin yellow lights.

What do your Road Rules specify?





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Maintenance of all facilities is important.....

- To comply with Road Rules
- · To alert approaching drivers/riders
- To show that engineers/authorities respect the needs of their customers (the road users)
- Plus placing a crossing on top of a road hump increases safety for the pedestrians A LOT!
- This offers a 73% reduction in pedestrian collisions



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Signal hardware

- Provide pedestrian displays Provide audio tactile pedestrian push buttons so they can call up their phase even with no motor vehicles present Ensure all conflicting drivers CAN see the pedestrians (clear away
- all obstructions)

Signal phasing and software

- Generally run pedestrians with parallel traffic
- Give adequate clearance time based on road width and a walking speed of about 1.5m/sec.
- Consider an early start for the pedestrians if there is a lot of turning traffic
- Audio-tactile devices benefit disabled pedestrians
- NEVER run a pedestrian phase across a turn arrow

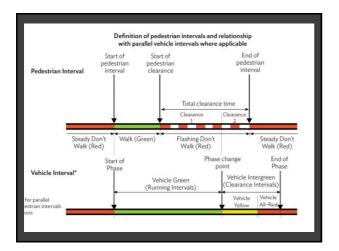
Civil works

- Kerb ramps and DDA tiles
- Obvious and clear pedestrian paths
 - All-weather footpaths leading to/from the intersection Kerb extensions
- Street lighting

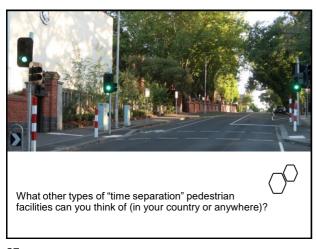
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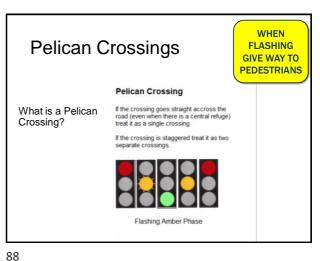
No obstructions along footpaths

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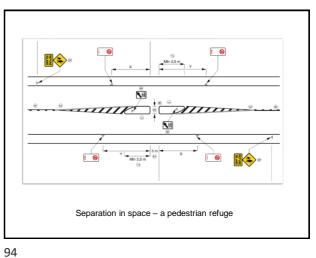








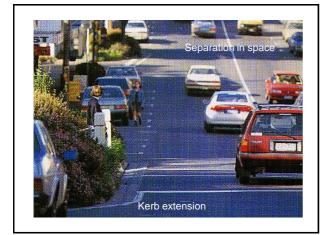


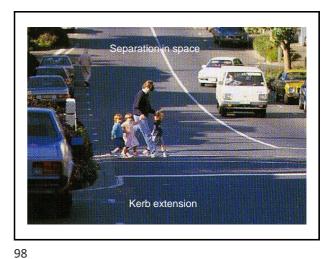


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Separation in space (grade separation)

• Do pedestrians like grade separation – as much as engineers do?

• Most will use it if they can access it and it saves them distance.

• USA research (Zegeer 1993) showed:

• 95% of pedestrians will use grade separation if there is no loss of travel time compared with walking across the road (at grade)

• almost nobody will use them if it will take 50% longer (or more).

• Of the two alternatives, people usually prefer an overpass.

• But the disabled need assistance too.

• If you must have a subway, design one with a straight through view (for personnel safety)

• Some subways include shops – to encourage people. More people = safer overall.

Go back to your road hierarchy

Expressways – always grade separate

Arterials – examine all options

Collectors – separation in space, Zebra Crossings if narrow, PUFFINS if busy.

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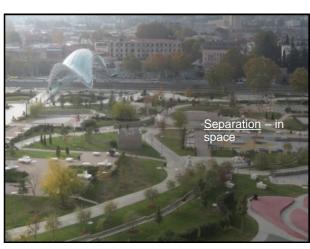












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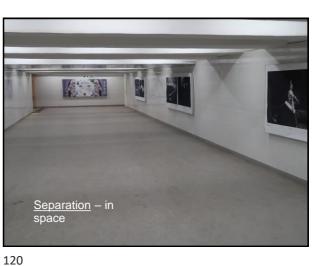








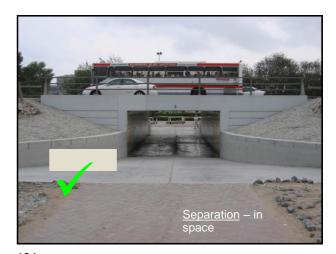








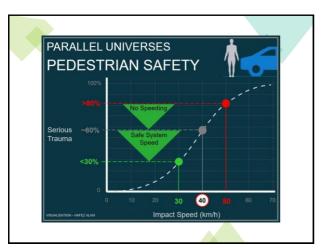




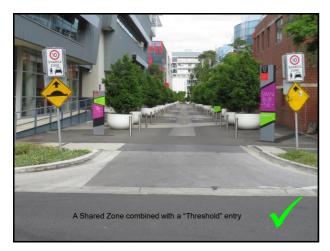




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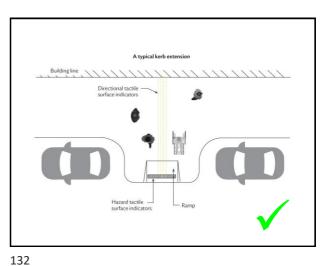












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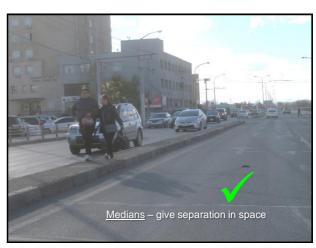


















Always visit the site and put yourself in the shoes of the pedestrian!

- · Will they be able to safely cross the road?
- Will they be able to safely walk along the road?
- Will there be a complete "path" for them?
- Will it be obvious? Continuous?
- Are signals proposed for pedestrians? Disabled?
- Have you considered especially the four groups of high-risk pedestrians?



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