**Activity 2: Safe & unsafe places to cross**

A safe place to cross is where you can see clearly along the road, in all directions, and where drivers can see you.

**Pedestrian crossings** are also safe places to cross, especially those where all traffic stops for pedestrians. Below is a list of the most common:

- **Zebra crossings**
  Traffic is supposed to stop to let pedestrians cross but don’t count on that. Use the Red Cross Crossing and make sure all traffic has stopped – or that there is no traffic near – before you step onto the crossing.

- **Pelican crossings**
  These have a red man and a green man signal. When the red man is lit, WAIT. When the green man is lit, check that all traffic has stopped and CROSS WITH CARE. Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross.

- **Traffic islands**
  You find these on busy roads – they help pedestrians to cross the road in two halves. Use the Red Cross Crossing Code before crossing each half.

- **Pedestrian subways**
  You find these in large cities, under roads with fast moving traffic. Although safe from traffic, do not use a subway on your own – there may be other dangers.
Unsafe places to cross

- Do not cross at busy junctions (unless there are Traffic Lights with a red man/green man signal). Walk a bit further away from the junction to cross.

- Do not cross near corners and bends – you cannot see traffic and drivers cannot see you.

- Do not cross near the top of a hill – cross **right at the top** so you can see clearly both ways.

- Do not cross where there are railings at the edge of the pavement or zig zag lines along the road.

On the following page, you can plan a safe route to your school.
My safe route to school

In the box below, draw a map of the area where you live (or stick a photocopy of an existing map). Mark where your HOUSE and SCHOOL are and where the safest places to cross are located.

Now, plan the safest route you can take to walk from HOME to SCHOOL and from SCHOOL back HOME. Remember, the shortest route is not always the safest.