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SLOW DOWN FOR PEDESTRIANS - JANUARY 21 2008

NEWS DESCRIPTION

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"Not only is it good road etiquette but it also ensures that everyone, including those on foot, can use our roads safely," says NRA Transportation Planner Marion Pandohie.

Once a pedestrian has pushed the button, and the walk signal or amber lights are flashing, motorists are required to stop. Drivers should be especially careful in areas where busy pedestrian crossings are located, such as, the newly-installed crossing on Elgin Avenue and crossings close to schools.

Similarly, pedestrians should also use crossings responsibly: "They must exercise patience, look both ways, and ensure that oncoming traffic has stopped completely before starting across the road," Mrs Pandohie adds.

"But more importantly for their own safety, wherever they are available they should also remember to use the crossings' push button signals."

In accordance with section 100 of the Traffic Law (2003 Revision) motorists must give way to pedestrians making use of crossings. Further, no vehicle should be parked within 45 feet of the approach to any such crossing.