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### Who are IAM RoadSmart



### The 5 key things the IAM is known for



- The go-to body for insight on human factors in road safety
- An organisation which responds to the needs of Road Users
- Expert advisors on how technology and driving aids will enhance and support driving skills
- The leading provider of high quality, independent post – test training for drivers and riders
- A charity which has been driving road safety for 60 years





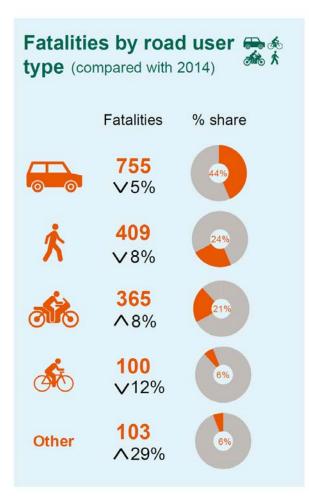


### Pedestrian Safety in the UK



### UK fatalities by road user type





- In 2015 there were a total of 1730 people killed on our roads.
- 409 of these were pedestrians
- 8% less than in 2014



#### **Pedestrian facts**









- October to March are the higher months for pedestrian deaths
- Urban areas are where most pedestrians are killed or injured
- Pedestrians hit on rural roads are more likely to die



### Why are pedestrians killed?



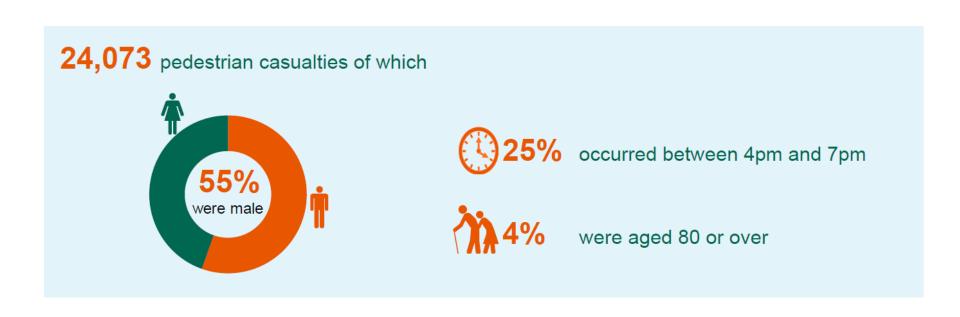
- Crossing the road masked by stationary vehicle
- Failed to look properly
- Misjudged speed or path of vehicle
- Misusing crossing
- Impaired by alcohol or drugs
- Careless or in a hurry
- Wearing dark clothing and not being seen at night



### Male or Female – who is most at Risk?



### Pedestrians make up 24% of all road deaths



Almost equal split between male and female

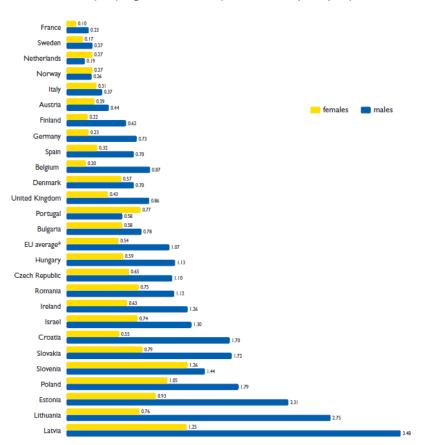


## Where do we rank on Pedestrian safety in Europe?



#### Pedestrian related deaths for children and adolescents

(Europe age standardised rate per 100 000 0-19 years by sex)



Source: WHO European Detailed Mortality Database (EDMD); 3 year averages for 2008-2010 or 2007-2009 or most recent three years of data; Cyprus, Iceland, Luxembourg and Malta excluded due to small numbers and resulting rate variability; Greece is excluded as ICD-9 codes do not allow breakdown of road traffic injuries so EU average presented represents remaining 26 countries of the EU.

The UK has a peak in figures when children change from primary to secondary school





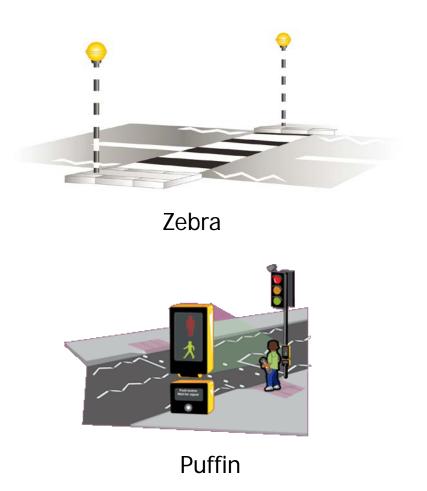
### Ways to cross the road

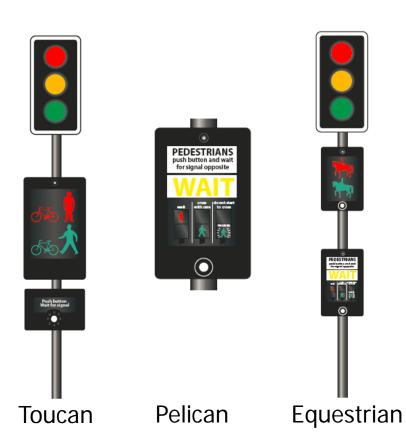


#### How do Pedestrians cross the road



In the UK we have 5 main different types of crossings

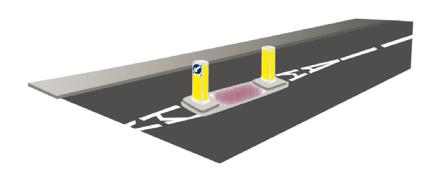




#### How do Pedestrians cross the road



We also have traffic islands and school crossing patrols





## **Keeping pedestrians safe and traffic flowing**



Very busy areas may have subways and footbridges









### Pedestrian Safety in the UK



### **Pedestrian Safety**



Barriers guiding pedestrians to a dedicated crossing point





## What do we do in the UK to help protect pedestrians



Tactile paving helps the blind or partially sighted to feel where to cross the road

The change in colour and feel can also indicate to other road users where there is a crossing point.



Blister



Ladder and tramline



Corduroy



Lozenge

### **Encouraging space for all**



20 zones are meant to help road users share the space, encouraging more walking and cycling

Just changing signs is not enough there needs to be other traffic calming measures to get driver to slow down and pay more attention







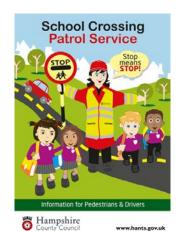


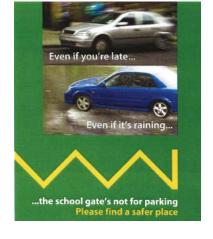
# Local Government – What do they do for road safety?

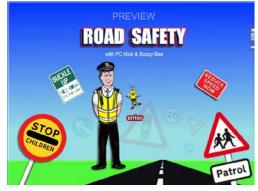


## Local councils and charities provide leaflets and training for children





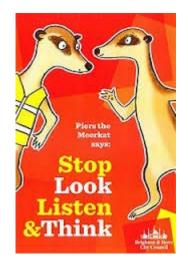






















## Can street lighting make pedestrians feel safer?



Installing specific pedestrian lighting

- This has a great effect on perceptions of place; direct lighting of the footway and makes the street feel welcoming.
- Also reduces crime and 'fear of crime'.





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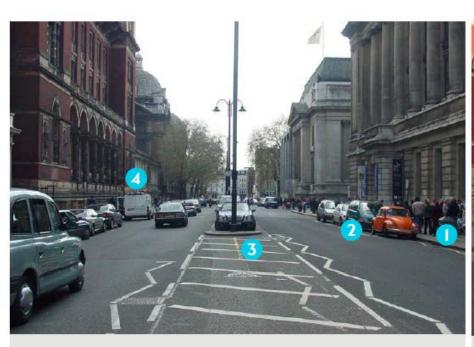






### **Shared space**







#### **Before**

- 1. Street furniture obstructs narrow footway
- 2. Car parking impedes crossings
- 3. Road markings create visual clutter
- 4. Material choice and design creates poor setting for historic building

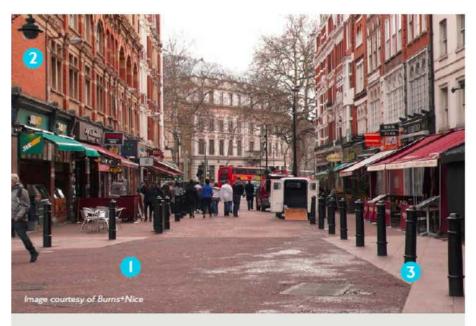
#### After

- Granite paving setts applied in bold pattern across entire area to create shared surface
- 2. Drainage channel, corduroy paving and bollards define shared space
- 3. Inspection covers seamlessly integrate with paving
- 4. Art, seating and car parking provided in street furniture zone
- 5. Street furniture and equipment use consistent colours



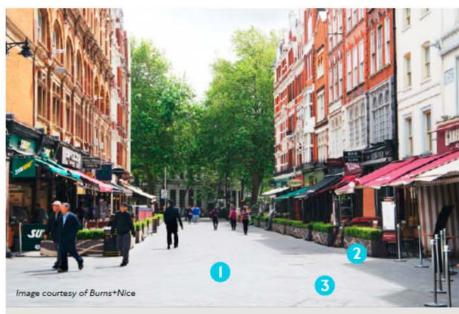
### **Redesigned space**







- I. Multiple paving treatments create visual clutter
- 2. Paving tones conflict with architecture
- 3. Bollards restrict footways



#### After

- 1. Simple light grey granite paving provides simplified backdrop
- 2. Café planters tie laneways to railings in the main square
- 3. Utility covers consistently paved





# What does the future hold for Pedestrians?



### How can we safeguard pedestrians?



### Enforcement

- Government
- Local councils
- Police

### Engineering

- City Planners
- Road Engineers
- Car Makers

### Education

- Pedestrians
- Drivers
- Riders

We need a safe system where all involved work together

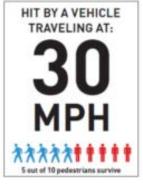
- Safer Roads
- Safer Vehicles
- Safer Road Users

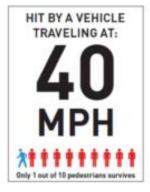
### **Safe Systems**



 Humans will make mistakes, and the human body has a limit to which it can absorb crash forces without suffering injury.







- Safety is a shared responsibility of all actors in a traffic system, not only that of a road user.
- All elements of the road traffic system should come together in an integrate safety chain in which the elements will combine to prevent a crash, or at least prevent serious injury, even if one or more elements fail.



### What can we do to improve things?







### The future of pavements?







# Are phone walking lanes coming to a pavement near you?





### **Thank You**

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