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Exemptions

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What did the Romans ever do for us?



So what do exemptions do for us then?

There isn't one for

- Murder
- Manslaughter
- Causing Death by Dangerous Driving
- Dangerous Driving
- Causing Death by careless/inconsiderate driving
- Careless/inconsiderate driving
- Drink/Drug driving



There is one for

- Speed
- Traffic Lights (some of them)
- Road Signs (some of them)
- Motorway regulations (some of them)
- Bus Lanes (sometimes)
- Pedestrian Crossing Regs (some of them)
- Blue Lights
- Horns
- Engine Running & Handbrake set - etc



Speed

S87 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Vehicle being used for

Fire/Ambulance/Police/SOCA purposes

is exempt if the use of the vehicle for that purpose

would be hindered by observing the limit on that occasion.

(To be altered by s19 Road Safety Act 2006)



Traffic Lights

- Junctions
- Pelicans and Puffins
- Motorways
- Level Crossings



Road Signs

- Give instructions/prohibitions.
- Bollards – Keep Left/Right..... Police, fire, ambulance, blood, bomb or explosive disposal
- Pass Either Side
- No right/left turn



Motorway Regulations

- Control Traffic Lights, Use of Hard Shoulders, Stopping, Direction of Travel, etc
- Exemption:- Pc/HA Traffic Officer in uniform directs/permits, sign directs, to avoid/prevent accident, to give help, maintenance etc
- In exercise of duty as HA traffic officer, Constable, Fire Service employee, Ambulance service member



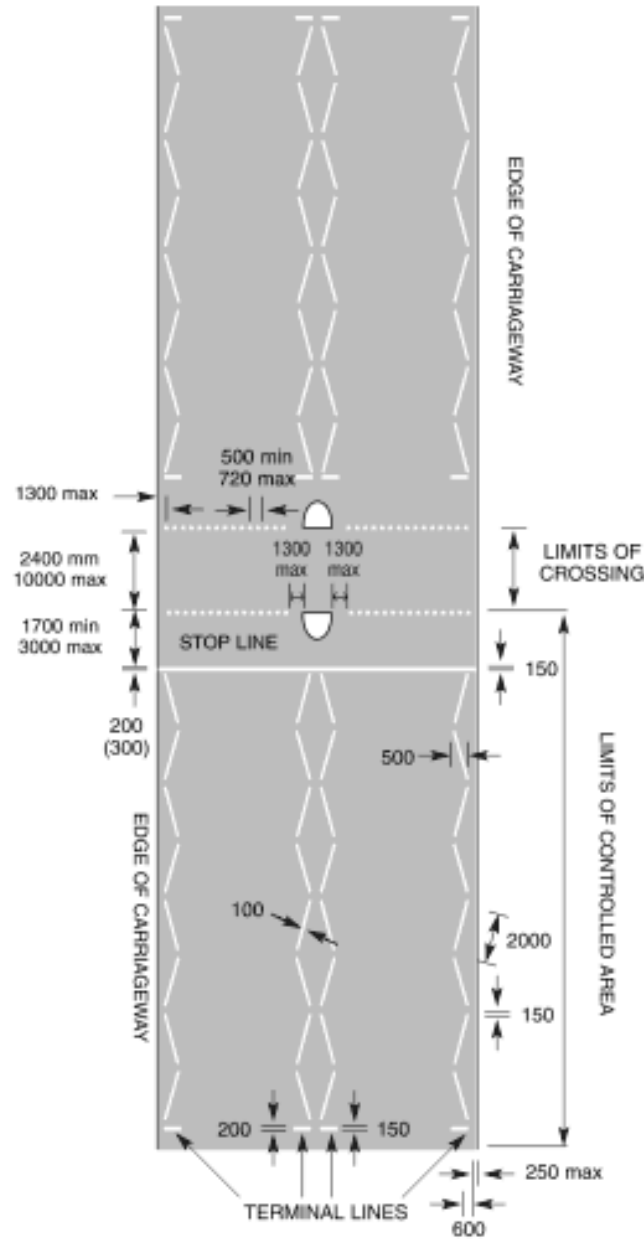
Bus Lanes

- Read the individual Traffic Management Order for that bus lane.
- However, Bus Clearways are standardised
- **I publicly advise members of the public NOT to get out of your way** – it's now your problem, not ours.



Pedestrian Crossings



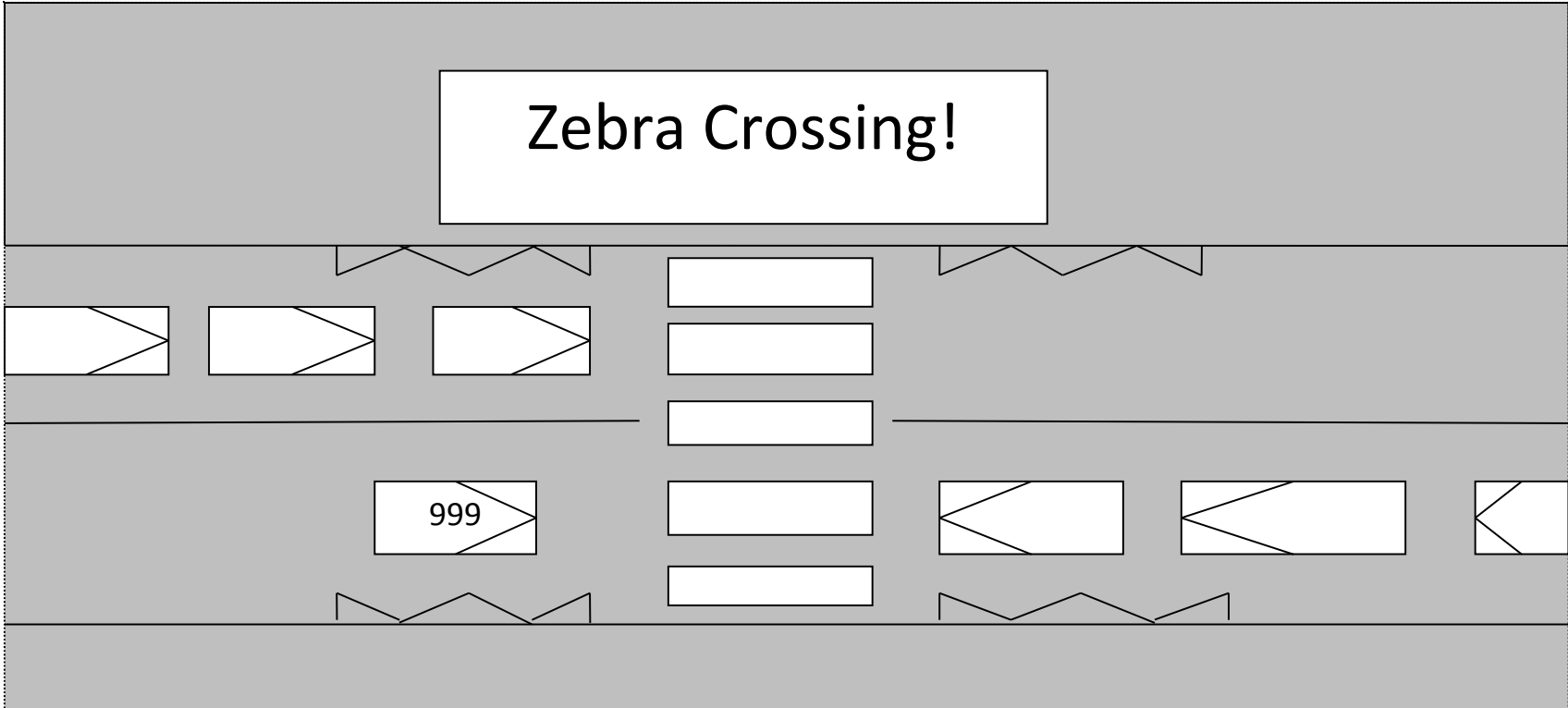


Pedestrian Crossings

- Zebra, Pelican, Puffin and Toucan Crossings are all out there
- Parking
- Give Precedence
- Traffic lights
- Overtaking



Zebra Crossing!



Blue Lights and Horns

- Police Fire (includes Fire Salvage) Ambulance
- MoD Bomb, explosive disposal, nuclear/radioactivity, Mountain rescue
- Blood transfusion, human tissue for transplant
- HM Coastguard, RNLI lifeboat launch
- Mines rescue
- HMRC



There are various others – we could be here all night yet. Most are for relatively minor offences, and most are fairly obscure, and common sense usually (though not always – this is the law) applies



So What?

- 1. You can do some things
- 2. Doing them means you can get into trouble anyway
- 3. Some exemptions only exist if every goes OK
- 4. Some things you all do don't have exemptions
- 5. It ain't what you do, it's the way that you do it



The public don't have them

**So YOU have to do the difficult bits,
NOT THEM – they get prosecuted**

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