

### PEDESTRIANS

228 Accidents involving pedestrians often result in serious injury or even death. Pedestrians, especially the very young and the very old, are the most vulnerable group of road users. It is your duty as a driver to protect pedestrians.

229 Young children below the age of fifteen are prone to accidents. This is because they are impulsive, playful, curious and unaware of the dangers on the road.

Be very careful when driving near schools, playgrounds and in residential areas. Be especially alert when driving near ice-cream sellers and roadside vendors. Always keep a look-out for children who may run or dash across the road.



230 The old and the handicapped are vulnerable to accidents on the roads. It is a known medical fact that upon reaching the age of 50 years, a person's:

- (a) vision begins to fade;
- (b) hearing is impaired;
- (c) body weakens and reflexes become slower.

Aged and handicapped persons are usually slow in reacting to traffic situations. Therefore, when approaching the old or the handicapped, give them plenty of room and stop if necessary for them to cross the road.

231 Jaywalkers cross the road anywhere they please, heedless of traffic rules and vehicles. Be on the look-out for them.

