

Top Safety Tips for Pedestrians



Cross the street at marked crosswalks and intersections.



Stay visible after dark and in bad weather.



Before crossing, look left, right, then left again.



Watch for vehicles backing out of parking spaces/driveways.



Use pedestrian pushbuttons.



Only cross when the signal says "Walk."

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Pedestrian Laws

- ◆ **Traffic signals** - Pedestrians must obey traffic signals and traffic control devices unless otherwise directed by a traffic or police officer.
- ◆ **Sidewalks** - Drivers and bicyclists must yield to pedestrians on sidewalks and in crosswalks.
- ◆ **Pedestrians on roadways** - Pedestrians must use sidewalks when they are available. If sidewalks are not available, pedestrians must walk on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic.
- ◆ **Bolting into traffic** - Pedestrians and bicyclists shall not suddenly leave a curb and move into traffic so that the driver can not stop.
- ◆ **Drivers exercise due care** - Every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon any roadway and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary.
- ◆ **Stop for pedestrians at every intersection** - Vehicles shall stop at intersections to allow pedestrians and bicycles to cross the road within a marked or unmarked crosswalk (painted or not).
- ◆ **Yield to vehicles outside intersections** - Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway.



Walking under the influence

Alcohol, drugs, and some medications impair the motor skills and judgment of pedestrians just as it does for drivers.

Don't take the risk.

Teaching children to be safe

Safe Kids USA recommends that children always cross the street with an adult until age 10. Teach kids to:

- ◆ Cross at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks
- ◆ Look left, right and left again when crossing
- ◆ Always walk, never run, when crossing streets
- ◆ Walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible
- ◆ Never run out into the street or cross in between parked cars

