



Pedestrian Safety Tips

- ◆◆ Yield to drivers when crossing a road where there is no intersection or crosswalk; where the pedestrian does not have a green or “walk” signal; and where vehicles have a green signal.
- ◆◆ Do not suddenly move into the path of a closely approaching vehicle that does not have sufficient time to yield for a pedestrian.
- ◆◆ Walk on the left side of a highway when sidewalks are not available.
- ◆◆ Remember that people with poor eyesight may be driving and may not see properly.
- ◆◆ Pay attention when crossing the street, don’t become distracted.
- ◆◆ Stop and look every time before crossing streets, even when they have the right-of-way, and especially at intersections with “right turn on red.”
- ◆◆ Look left, right, then left again, and over their shoulder for turning vehicles.
- ◆◆ Do not drink alcohol and walk. Alcohol involvement, either for the driver or the pedestrian, was reported in 47 percent of the traffic crashes that resulted in pedestrian fatalities.
- ◆◆ Cross the street at intersections, never dart out between parked cars. Many local ordinances prohibit pedestrians from crossing roads other than at crosswalks.
- ◆◆ Take extra care at night and dusk or in inclement weather.
- ◆◆ Understand and obey the different traffic signals and know the meaning of the symbol or word signal.
- ◆◆ Provide proper supervision and training for children.
- ◆◆ Use the push button, if it is available. Where push buttons are installed on signal standards, the crossing signal sequence is activated by pushing the button.

SAFETY TIP: Never be in such a hurry that you can’t cross the street safely. As a pedestrian, you must take responsibility for your own safety. By practicing pedestrian safety you can limit your chances of being injured.