







Pedestrian Safety

Follow the law and these safety guidelines to keep everyone safe.

Drivers:

	<p>Stop for crossing pedestrians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop for crossing pedestrians at every intersection, even those without crosswalks or stop lights • Before making a turn, look in all directions for pedestrians • Leave lots of room between you and the pedestrian when stopping
	<p>Watch for pedestrians at all times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scan the road and sides of the road ahead for pedestrians • Look carefully behind your vehicle before backing up, especially for small children • Watch for people in wheelchairs and motorized carts, who may be below eye level
	<p>Avoid distracted and aggressive driving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put away the cell phones, food and make-up • Stop for pedestrians, even when they are in the wrong or crossing mid-block • Never pass or drive around a vehicle that is stopped for pedestrians • Obey speed limits and come to a complete stop at STOP signs

Pedestrians:

	<p>Look before you cross</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make eye contact with drivers and ensure they see you and will stop • Clearly show your intentions to cross • Watch for turning and passing vehicles • Look across ALL lanes for moving vehicles before proceeding
	<p>Make yourself visible to drivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stand clear of buses, hedges, parked cars or other obstacles before crossing • Cross in a well-lit area at night • Wear bright-colored clothing and reflective material • Mount a safety flag on a wheelchair, motorized cart or stroller
	<p>Avoid dangerous and distracted behaviors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections; don't cross mid-block • Remove headphones and stay off cell phones while crossing • Obey all traffic signals • Don't solely rely on traffic signals; look for vehicles before crossing • Always walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic • If intoxicated, don't walk without assistance, a cab ride home may be a safer option

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