

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS



Be careful crossing multiple lanes of traffic. Make sure each lane of traffic is clear before you cross.

Watch for cars backing up in parking lots; brake lights can mean that a car is about to back up.

Cross the street where you have the best view of traffic. At bus stops, cross behind the bus or at the nearest crosswalk.

Enhance your visibility at night. Walk in well-lit areas, carry a flashlight or wear something reflective, such as stickers or armbands, to be more visible.



Look for cars in all directions – including those turning left or right – before crossing the street; never assume a driver will stop.



Avoid distraction. More and more we see people texting or talking on cell phones when crossing streets; this diminishes the ability of your two key senses – hearing and seeing – that are used to detect and avoid cars. So particularly when crossing streets, put down the phone for a few seconds.



Always walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from the roadway as you can.



Be predictable to drivers and follow the rules of the road; obey signs and signals. Obey all pedestrian traffic signals.

