

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Tips for Sharing the Road

For Pedestrians

- Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
- Watch for vehicles entering or exiting driveways or backing up in parking lots. Never step out from between parked vehicles to cross a street as drivers may not see you.
- Look left and right before stepping out into the street. Always ensure all vehicles have stopped and all drivers can see you before stepping off the curb.
- Cross as quickly as possible to minimize your time on the road.
- Cross at intersection, when possible, watch for drivers turning left or right through the crosswalk, as drivers may be focused on oncoming traffic and not see you.
- Do everything possible to make yourself visible to drivers.
- Watch out for young children as they may be unaware of the dangers and need help from parents to prevent them from being hurt.
- Remove your headphones and take a break from your phone while crossing the road.
- Never walk under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs; they impair your abilities and your judgment.

For Motorists

- Always look out for pedestrians.
- Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
- Drivers must stop and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing where you can't see.
- Follow the speed limit, and slow down around people on the street, in school zones and in neighborhoods where children are present.
- Be extra cautious when backing up and look for pedestrians.
- Expect the unexpected, even mid-block, as pedestrians may be crossing.
- Focus on the road. Avoid driving distracted.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs; they impair your abilities and your judgment.