

Cross Walk Safety Tips

As a pedestrian ...

- although a crosswalk exists at every intersection, whether marked or not, it is still your responsibility to make sure all vehicles have yielded before stepping into the crosswalk and crossing the roadway
- whenever approaching a crosswalk you should remove your earphones, turn off your music, and stop texting or talking on the phone. Be attentive when crossing. Distractions can lead to accidents
- make eye contact with the driver. Never assume a driver sees you.
- be especially alert for turning vehicles – many vehicle-pedestrian incidents occur with a right-turning vehicle
- Left, Right, Left - look on both sides of the street before crossing, as well as to keep an eye out for cars that are backing or turning. The general rule of looking left, then right and then left again is a great way to teach basic crosswalk safety to your kids and keep them safe when crossing the street

As a driver...

- Always yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk.
- When approaching a crosswalk, reduce your speed and be prepared to stop.
- When you are stopped at a crosswalk, allow enough room between your vehicle and the crosswalk so other drivers can see the pedestrians you have stopped for.
- Do not pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. They have stopped to allow pedestrians to pass or make sure the way is clear.