

Pedestrian Safety Tips



Visibility & Awareness

- **Be Proactive.** Look. Listen. Live!
- **Be Visible.** In low light, wear bright colored clothing or reflectorized clothing. Also consider using a flashlight, or small flashing LED lights.
- **Be Legal.** Use a legal marked crosswalk when available.
- **Be Smart—Be Aware!** Be aware of your surroundings. Keep *eyes on path*—not on phone! Don't "walk into" a predator situation where it's dark, dangerous, or something doesn't feel right. Listen to your instincts—then act appropriately!

Intersections, Crosswalks, & Bike Lanes

- Don't rely on painted lines alone. Make **EYE CONTACT** before you enter street and also *while crossing*.
- Stop at curb—**look and listen** for motor vehicles, bicycles, and other pedestrians *before* you enter the street.
- Look left, right, and then left again before entering the street. Quickly use "*eyes on path*" to check for potholes or trip hazards.
- Be especially careful of vehicles turning left or right at intersections.
- From **curb to curb**, be defensive and aware with both eyes and ears!
- Stay out of bike lanes. If there is a pedestrian zone—use it. If there is no sidewalk, walk against traffic on the left side of road.
*Note: This *does not* apply to bicycles; *bicycles ride with traffic*.

Traffic Lights

- Start as soon as walk light illuminates which allows for maximum crossing time, but remember to *look both ways before stepping off curb!*
- "**Finish on Flash**" means quickly finish crossing if the walk light starts flashing—but do not "start" crossing.
- If light starts flashing during crossing, do not get frightened and return to where you started, quickly continue to other side.

***In today's society, people are very distracted.
Don't be one of them while walking. Stay Alert-Stay Alive!***

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