

FOLLOW THESE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS WHEN WALKING NEAR TRAFFIC TO HELP PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.



- **Use sidewalks** whenever available. **Never cross mid-block.**
- **Obey traffic signals.**
- **Cross streets at a corner**, using traffic signals and crosswalks whenever possible. Most pedestrians are struck when crossing somewhere other than an intersection.
- Always **stop at the edge of a parked car**, curb, or vehicle before walking out into traffic.
- **Look left-right-left before crossing a street** and continue looking while crossing.
- **Make eye contact with drivers prior to crossing in front of them.** Don't assume that because you can see the driver, the driver can see you.
- If you must walk along the roadway, **walk facing traffic** as far to the left as possible.
- **Keep alert at all times**; don't be distracted by electronic devices.
- **Be visible at all times**; wear bright colors during the day.
- If you must walk at night or in the early morning, **wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight.** Most pedestrian deaths occur between 6 p.m. and midnight.
- **Never allow children under 10 to cross streets alone.** Young children do not have the skills to accurately judge traffic risks.
- **Older adults need to allow enough time** to safely cross the street.
- **Avoid alcohol and drugs while walking.** They impair your abilities and judgment.



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