

# WALK SAFE

**PEOPLE WHO WALK SHOULD FOLLOW THESE SAFETY TIPS TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

## **Pedestrians must:**

- Use sidewalks whenever available.
- Obey traffic signals, signs, and markings.
- Cross streets at a corner, using traffic signals and crosswalks whenever possible.
- Walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible if you must walk along the roadway.

## **Pedestrians should:**

- 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 roadways.
- Be visible: wear reflective clothing and lights at night and wear bright colors during the day.
- Never allow children under age 10 to cross the streets alone. Young children do not have the skills to accurately judge traffic risks.

For specific state laws applicable to pedestrian safety, visit the Walk Safe website at: [www.michigan.gov/walksafe](http://www.michigan.gov/walksafe).



## PEDESTRIANS AND MOTORISTS:



Stay alert for each other.



Obey traffic signs and signals.

Let's work together to follow the laws and stay safe.

**Michigan.gov/WalkSafe**

## PEOPLE WHO DRIVE SHOULD FOLLOW THESE SAFETY TIPS TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

### Drivers must:

- Stop before entering the marked crosswalk limit line.
- Stop before entering the intersection if there is no crosswalk or limit line.
- Obey traffic signals, signs, and markings.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, intersections, and all traffic controlled areas.
- Obey the posted speed limit.

### Drivers should:

- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing that you can't see.
- Avoid distractions.
- Stay alert and take extra caution at intersections, especially when making turns.
- Make eye contact with pedestrians waiting to cross roadways.
- Be extra cautious when backing up—pedestrians can move into your path.

For specific state laws applicable to pedestrian safety, visit the Walk Safe website at: **[www.michigan.gov/walksafe](http://www.michigan.gov/walksafe)**.



Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning  
P. O. Box 30634, Lansing, Michigan 48909  
517-284-3332 [Michigan.gov/ohsp](http://Michigan.gov/ohsp)

This material was developed through a project funded by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and the U.S. Department of Transportation.