

Crosswalk Safety



Whether you walk, bike or drive, take time to follow these crosswalk safety guidelines:

Pedestrians:

- **Always cross at marked crosswalks.** If a Crossing Guard is present, please follow her/his instructions.
- **Obey any pedestrian signals and look left-right-left** to make sure the road is clear in both directions before crossing.
- **If a vehicle approaches, make eye contact with the driver** to be sure that you have been seen before you cross.
- **Look before walking past stopped vehicles.** Do not cross just because a driver waves you on. Be sure all lanes are clear first.
- **Remember that bicyclists are not considered pedestrians** unless they are walking their bikes. Otherwise, they are considered vehicles.

Bicyclists:

- **Must yield to pedestrians.**
- **Remember that bicyclists are not considered pedestrians** unless they are walking their bikes.
- **Use marked bike paths or multi-use paths when available.**
- **Obey vehicular traffic signals and laws on the roadways.**
- **Use extra caution as you transition between bike paths, roads and sidewalks.** Be aware that your actions are unpredictable to drivers and pedestrians.

Drivers:

- **Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at intersections.**
- **Be prepared to stop at all marked crosswalks.** Stay alert and reduce speed in areas with crosswalks.
- **Be alert for bicyclists and skateboarders** whose approaches to the crosswalk may be much swifter than those of pedestrians.
- **Come to a complete stop** if pedestrians are crossing or preparing to cross.
- **Wait until pedestrians have crossed at least one lane past the lane you are in** before resuming travel.
- **Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk.**
- **Never pass a School bus that has stopped or has its warning light on!**

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Pedestrians have the right of way – EVERYDAY!!!

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