

Crosswalk Safety

The rules of the road that enable pedestrians and drivers to share the road. Pedestrians - just like drivers; must obey traffic laws.

Pedestrians should always use the proper search pattern and follow these safety steps when crossing the road even when using pedestrian signals:

1. Stop at the curb or edge of the street. If vehicles parked on the street block your view of traffic, move forward to the edge of the line of parked vehicles where you can observe traffic in both directions. Be visible to drivers and recognize when to yield to motorists.
2. Look left, right, then left again for approaching traffic.
3. At an intersection corner, also check over your shoulder for turning vehicles.
4. Determine whether there is a gap in traffic that is safe for both pedestrian and driver. Never assume that drivers see you or will stop for you.
5. When there is a safe gap in traffic, walk directly across the street at a consistent pace. Avoid distracted walking by continuously looking out for motorists or other hazards. Drivers may not be attentive to driving or may not be accustomed to pedestrians sharing the road. Always watch for any quick turning movements or drivers disregarding traffic laws.



Stop. Look Left – right –Left. Wait for the WALK signal.

The WALK signal does not mean it is safe to cross. WALK only means it is your turn to cross.

When the WALK signal comes on, place only one foot into the crosswalk.

Look at the drivers' faces to see if they are looking at you. Wait for traffic to stop.

Cross and keep looking for moving vehicles. Watch for turning vehicles.

Look before stepping past stopped vehicles.
Crosswalks and traffic lights don't stop cars!