

Safety Tips



Share the Road Safety Task Force

For Drivers:

- /// Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections – it's the law.
- /// Do not block crosswalks when stopping at intersections.
- /// Slow down and obey the posted speed limit.
- /// Take extra care around schools, playgrounds and neighborhoods.
- /// Always look out for pedestrians, especially before turning at a green light or making a "right turn on red."
- /// Never run red lights.
- /// Be careful when passing stopped vehicles. They might be stopping for pedestrians.
- /// Allow 3 feet when passing bicyclists.
- /// Share the road. It's your responsibility to look out for others.



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Pay Attention

Look Before You Cross



For Pedestrians:

- /// Cross the street at marked crosswalks and intersections whenever possible.
- /// Before crossing, look left, right, then left again, and over your shoulder for turning vehicles.
- /// Begin crossing the street on "Walk" signals – never on a solid or flashing "Don't Walk."
- /// Use pedestrian pushbuttons to activate/extend the walk signal.
- /// Use sidewalks. If there are none, walk facing traffic so you see vehicles, and drivers see you.
- /// Make eye contact with drivers so they see you. Never assume they do.
- /// Stay visible after dark and in bad weather with light-colored or retroreflective clothing.
- /// Don't step suddenly in front of buses and trucks. They take longer to stop than a car.
- /// Pay attention to turning vehicles – especially trucks and buses making a "right turn on red." Be aware that truck/bus drivers often have to swing wide to negotiate turns.
- /// Watch out for trucks and buses backing out of parking spaces and driveways.

Take the Time to Cross Safely.

Pay Attention

Watch for bicyclists at intersections



For Bicyclists:



- /// Obey all regulatory signs and traffic lights. Bicyclists must drive like other vehicles if they are to be taken seriously by motorists.



- /// Never ride against traffic. Motorists aren't looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. Ride with traffic to avoid potential accidents.



- /// Use hand signals. Hand signals tell motorists what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, courtesy and self protection.



- /// Ride in a straight line. Whenever possible, ride in a straight line to the right of traffic and about a car door width away from parked cars.



- /// Wear a helmet. Always wear a helmet whenever you ride a bicycle. Helmets dramatically reduce the risk of head injury in a bicycle accident.



- /// Use lights at night. Always use a strong head light and tail light at night and when visibility is poor.