

BEST PRACTICES FOR SAFE CROSSING



Crossing the street is something that we do all the time. However, you need to be careful crossing the street and take extra steps to make sure you do it safely. Whether you are walking to school, a friend's house, or just out and about, here are a few tips to keep in mind:

BUSY STREETS

- > Use sidewalks and marked crosswalks at all stop signs or signals. Always walk up to the nearest crosswalk, and never try to cross in the middle of the street.
- > Follow traffic lights and the pedestrian signal.
- > Make eye contact with the driver and acknowledge them with a quick nod or wave to confirm they see you before stepping off the curb.
- > It's hard for drivers to see you at night. If you're walking when it's dark, use a flashlight or wear bright clothing.

RESIDENTIAL STREETS

- > If there are no stop signs or a pedestrian signal, look left-right-left before crossing to be sure there are no cars coming.
- > Be extra alert for fast approaching cars.
- > Don't dart between parked cars.
- > Always cross at the most well-lit crosswalk.

INTERSECTIONS

- > Cross only at a marked crosswalk or designated crossing. If available, cross at intersections with a stop sign or a pedestrian signal.
- > Before crossing, look for the pedestrian signal to change.
- > Once the signal changes to "Walk," continue to look left-right-left again to make sure there are no cars approaching. If you see a red hand with a countdown, wait until the signal changes again before you cross.

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