

HOW TO BE A GOOD PEDESTRIAN



We're all pedestrians. We walk to the park, to the store, to school and even to and from the car in parking lots. As you get older, you're also more likely to be walking on your own in areas with higher traffic. You should be just as careful when you're walking as you are when you're on your bike. Follow these important tips to stay safe when you walk:

WALKING SAFELY ON BUSY STREETS

- 1 Follow the rules of the road, and obey signs and signals.
- 2 Walk on sidewalks, whenever they are available.
- 3 If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far left as possible.
- 4 Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- 5 Always cross the street at a crosswalk or intersection with a stop sign or signal to ensure drivers can see you.
- 6 Don't dart between parked cars.
- 7 Look for cars in all directions, including those going straight, or turning.
- 8 If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.
- 9 Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.
- 10 Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight when it's dark.
- 11 Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.

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