

Walking Safety

IN NORWALK

Walking Tips

1. Use closed toe, comfortable shoes that will not slip.
2. Consider what you are wearing and choose clothes that drivers can easily see. Light or bright colors, reflective material and flashing lights are best.
3. If you have a choice about where you walk, choose a route with sidewalks or a shoulder to give yourself space away from traffic.
4. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic.
5. Important things to carry with you are water, a driver's license or ID, and a cellphone.
6. Always look for cars before crossing a street or stepping off a curb.
7. Use crosswalks and follow traffic signals when crossing at street lights
8. Step off the road if you see a bicycle or car coming.
9. Before stepping in front of a car make eye contact with the driver. Make sure they see you, plan on stopping and have time to stop.
10. You might have the right-of-way, but walk like drivers do not know the rules.

Rules of Walking

- **Be aware. Cross with care.** Make eye contact with drivers turning right before you step into a crosswalk. Make sure they see you, plan to stop, and have time to stop. Don't assume all cars will stop for you.
- **Don't be dead right.** Pedestrians have the right of way at marked and unmarked crosswalks; but be careful, as some drivers might not know this rule or always follow it. Being right won't keep you from being hit.
- **The fine print.** Pedestrians only have the right of way when drivers can reasonably stop. Slippery roads and other factors can increase the distance cars need to fully stop. At night, drivers may be only able to see as far as their headlights, so wear bright or light colors, reflective material and flashing lights to increase visibility.
- **They're there for a reason!** Always use sidewalks when available. If not, walk on the left side of the street facing traffic.
- **Obey traffic control devices.** When you see a red light, steady hand, or "Don't Walk", do not enter intersection. Yellow lights or flashing hands also mean do not enter, though people already in the intersection may finish crossing. Green lights, walking person symbol, or "Walk" mean you can enter when it is safe. Look left, look right, and left again. Keep looking!
- **Distracted walking can be deadly!** Unplug headphones when crossing the street. Hang up your cell phone until you are out of the intersection. Texting can wait until you know you are safe. Look up and make eye contact with the approaching driver and make sure the driver sees you.

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