

What You Can Do...



As a parent

Don't overestimate your children's abilities.

- ☞ Children are small and it is harder for them to see traffic and be seen by drivers.
- ☞ They cannot judge speed, distance or direction well.
- ☞ If they see a car, they think the driver sees them.
- ☞ Children are impulsive, especially when at play.

Protect your children outside

- ☞ A responsible adult needs to be with young children at all times when they are outside.
- ☞ Always hold a child's hand when crossing street.
- ☞ Do not rely on older children to watch younger children. They too can become distracted and leave your child at risk of being hit by a car.
- ☞ **NEVER ALLOW A CHILD UNDER AGE 8 TO CROSS STREETS ALONE**

Set a good example

- ☞ Children learn from watching what adults do. Do not cross between parked cars.
- ☞ Use signals correctly, walk only on the green "WALK" signal.
- ☞ Walk with your child and explain traffic safety rules.

Get involved with your school

- ☞ Participate in International Walk to School Day October 4, 2000.
- ☞ Walk with your child and together plan a safe route for your child's walk to school.
- ☞ Form a "Walking School Bus" or join the volunteer crossing guard program.

REMEMBER

- ☞ Children are not small adults and cannot be responsible for their own traffic safety.
- ☞ Find safe areas for your children to play, away from cars.
- ☞ Do not rush children to school, take the time to walk, drive and park safely.

Kids and cars don't mix!
Be aware, teach your children and keep them safe.

What You Can Do...

As a pedestrian



Take responsibility for your own safety

- ☞ Pedestrians have the right of way when in a crosswalk, at an intersection, at a stop sign or with a "WALK" signal.
- BUT-painted lines and "WALK" signals can't stop a car from hitting you.**
- ☞ Make eye contact with drivers and don't cross in front of drivers who aren't looking.

Cross streets safely

- ☞ Always **STOP** at the edge of street before entering it.
- ☞ Look in all directions for any moving vehicles before walking out into the street. Watch for cars from the right and left, as well as cars making right turns behind you and left turns in front of you.
- ☞ On busy streets, be sure to use designated marked crosswalks.

Take to the streets

- ☞ Walk with your family, friends, neighbors or pets around your neighborhood.
- ☞ Get outside, enjoy your neighborhood and walk safely in numbers. The more pedestrians are visible, the safer your street gets.

REMEMBER

- ☞ Streets signs, signals and pavement marking are installed for everyone's use, not just for drivers. Follow the rules of the road.
- ☞ Even if you are wearing white clothes, drivers will have a hard time seeing you at night. Wear reflective clothing.

***The human body is no match for a 4000 pound car.
Respect the rules of the road and walk alert.
See and be seen.***

What You Can Do...

As a driver



Share the Road

- 🚦 Our roads are designed for use by pedestrians, bicyclists and motor vehicles.
- 🚦 Obey the rules of the road and allow safe passage for everybody
- 🚦 For many pedestrians, walking is their only form of transportation, be courteous and respect their right to share the road.

Give pedestrians a brake

- 🚦 Pedestrians have the right of way at marked mid-block crosswalks, at marked and unmarked intersection crosswalks and with a green "WALK" signal.
- 🚦 Yellow lights mean prepare to stop- not speed up!
- 🚦 Stop and look for pedestrians crossing when making a right hand turn on a red light.
- 🚦 **ALWAYS STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS ENTERING A CROSSWALK**

Slow down and watch out

- 🚦 Residential streets are designed for local use. Use major streets as much as possible.
- 🚦 Expect the unexpected and be prepared to stop suddenly when children are present.
- 🚦 Look for pedestrians when pulling out of driveways, and when driving near vending trucks, buses, parks and schools.

REMEMBER

- 🚦 Pedestrians are unable to control the effects of weather, bad drivers, and blind spots etc.
- 🚦 Young children are too young to make complicated decisions in dangerous traffic situations.
- 🚦 Older adults may not be able to cross quickly or to see or hear approaching cars.
- 🚦 Reduce the number of trips you take and walk more often.

Your vehicle is a deadly weapon against a human body. Drive alert and watch out!