Know the Signs

- Pedestrian Crossing sign: Pedestrian crossing ahead, slow down and be prepared to stop.
- School Crossing sign: A pedestrian crossing where school children cross a street on the way to school.
- Crosswalk sign: Reinforces that all vehicles must stop for pedestrians within crosswalk.
- Slow School Zone sign: This sign alerts drivers of a restricted speed in a zone near a school.
- Stop sign: All vehicles, bikes and people must stop.

Crosswalk Safety

Crossing Countdown sign: Flashes the number of seconds that are left to cross the street before the traffic signal changes.

Want to Know More About Walking Safely?

www.safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/pedcampaign/

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Get There Safely

**SAFETY WHILE WALKING**

**Think Ahead**
Will that car turn? Is that truck backing up? Look around and think ahead.

**Be Sure**
Make eye contact with the driver before crossing in front of any vehicle.

**Be Seen**
Wear bright-colored clothing during the day. At night, wear white or reflective clothing, and carry a flashlight.

**Be Predictable**
No surprises! Never step into the road suddenly or from behind a parked car or other obstacle.

**Use the Crosswalks**
Use the pedestrian crossing signals at busy intersections; they make crossing the street safer.

**Be Part of a Group**
Cross the street with a group or a crossing guard. A group is easier for a driver to see than just one person.

**Use Sidewalks**
If there are no sidewalks, walk on the side of the road facing the traffic so you can see the cars coming and step off the road in a hurry.

**SAFETY WHILE BIKING**

- Wear a helmet.
- Remove headphones to hear traffic.
- Cross at corners and watch for turning traffic.
- Check for oncoming traffic before entering every intersection.
- Walk your bike across the street using the crosswalk.
- Signal your turns.
- Cross with a crossing guard whenever possible.
- Don’t ride between cars – even parked cars.
- Stop at all stop signs and red lights.
- Ride with traffic, not against it.
- Always ride as if drivers don’t see you!

**SAFETY ON THE BUS**

- Stay alert for cars when getting off the bus.
- Stay seated until your stop.
- Obey the bus driver.
- Be on time! Running to or from the bus leads to accidents.
- Stand back from the curb and away from traffic while waiting for the bus.
- Be aware of cars and traffic while waiting for the bus.

**SAFETY WHILE DRIVING**

**Be Alert**
Be on the lookout for pedestrians and bicycles. Be extra careful at intersections.

**Obey All Traffic Laws**
Follow the speed limit and watch for road signs.

**Take Extra Precautions Before Backing Up**
Know what’s behind your vehicle before backing up.

**Signal Your Intentions**
Use your turn signals before changing lanes or making a turn.

**Pedestrians Have the Right of Way in a Crosswalk**
Take note of pedestrian or school crosswalk signs alerting that a crosswalk is ahead.

**Never Drink and Drive!**
Arrange for a designated driver or taxi whenever necessary.

**Scan Your Surroundings**
Anticipate upcoming traffic situations.

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**What is a pedestrian?**

a. A person on a scooter, skates or skateboard
b. A person afoot
c. A person in a wheelchair
d. All of the above