

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS



*In 2020, an estimated
6,721 pedestrians were
killed across the country.*

*Don't become another
statistic!*



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Credit to the National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration for the layout and some of the
contents.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STAY SAFE AS A PEDESTRIAN?

- **Be visible!** When walking at night, wear bright colored clothing. Use a flashlight or reflective items.
- **Never dart out!** Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections when possible. This is where drivers expect pedestrians.
- **Use pedestrian push buttons** and wait for the walk signal to cross.
- **Take your time to cross.** If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area and wait for a gap in traffic that allows you enough time to cross safely. Continue to watch traffic as you cross.
- **Make eye contact with drivers** as they approach. Never assume a driver sees you.
- **Walk on sidewalks** whenever they are available.
- **Walk on the shoulder facing traffic** if no sidewalk is available.
- **Keep alert at all times.** Don't be distracted by cellphones and electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- **Avoid alcohol and drugs.** They impair your judgment and coordination.



WHAT CAN YOU DO AS A DRIVER?



- **Look out for pedestrians everywhere.** Pedestrians may be walking where they should not be or may be hard to see—especially in poorly lit conditions, including dusk/dawn/night and poor weather.
- **Always stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk** or where pedestrian crosswalk signs are posted.
- **Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk.** They may be stopped for a crossing pedestrian.
- **Slow down** and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
- **Never drive under the influence** of alcohol and drugs.
- **Keep alert at all times.** Don't use your cellphones and electronic devices while driving.