

Safety Tip

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Pedestrian safety tips

Walk defensively - Look both ways before crossing the street. Motorists can run a stop sign or a red light, or make a quick turn, catching a pedestrian off guard. Use sidewalks when you can and do not be distracted by cell phones or headsets.

Cross streets at intersections - If there are marked crosswalks, use them. If there are no traffic control signs, then look in all directions and only cross when traffic has cleared.

Be careful in parking lots - Many drivers do not know that pedestrians have the right-of-way in parking lots. Cars often drive both ways up and down the aisles, so be extra cautious while walking in parking lots.

Be safe when getting on or off a bus - Motorists don't always stop for loading and unloading buses. Pause a moment before crossing the street. Do not step into traffic between parked cars.

Walking at dusk and in the evening hours - Walking at night increases your chances of an accident. Drivers cannot avoid what they cannot see. Wear brightly-coloured or reflective clothing or shoes.

Supervise and teach your children about safe walking - Remember that children under nine years old often lack the judgment to make safe choices when dealing with traffic. Their size also makes them difficult for motorists to see. Children should always cross the street with an adult.

Personal safety:

- When walking, be aware of those around you. If someone has been following you for quite a while, be suspicious.
- Avoid walking with large bags, backpacks or luggage. These items can be a target for pickpockets and thieves. Additionally, fumbling with bags can also distract you from traffic.
- If walking in the evening hours, try not to walk alone. Take someone along.

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An initiative to share a safety and security tip to encourage caution amongst society...it's **worth following and sharing with near and dear ones!** We encourage everyone to be a part of this initiative through their inputs and thoughts.