

Most of us cross streets every day.

We take for granted that we can cross without incident, because most of the time we do. Sometimes we aren't so fortunate.

Each year in the U.S. more than 4,700 pedestrians are killed and 61,000 are injured in traffic crashes.

Young children and the elderly are more likely to be killed or injured in a pedestrian crash.

While it is easy to blame drivers, they are not always responsible for these crashes. All too often, pedestrians are at fault.

These senseless tragedies are avoidable.

You can avoid potential injuries and even death by reviewing the advice for safe street crossing.

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# CROSSING TIPS for Pedestrians

## CROSSING RULES FOR PEDESTRIANS

ALWAYS follow these steps when crossing a street:

- 4 Before crossing, stop at the curb, edge of the road or corner before proceeding.
- 4 Look left-right-left, and if it's clear, begin crossing, looking over your shoulder for turning vehicles.
- 4 Continue to check for traffic while crossing.

## TRAFFIC SIGNAL MESSAGES AND THEIR MEANINGS

- 4 At intersections with traffic lights and pedestrian signals, it's important to follow the signals carefully.
- 4 Wait until you see the WALK signal, following again the basic rules for crossing.
- 4 A flashing DON'T WALK signal indicates you shouldn't start to cross the street; however, if you are in the middle of the street and the DON'T WALK signal starts flashing, continue walking. You have time to complete the crossing.
- 4 If you see a steady DON'T WALK signal, don't begin to cross the street! Wait for the next WALK signal.
- 4 The WALK signal and the green traffic light indicate that it's your turn to cross the street, but they DO NOT mean it is always safe to cross.
- 4 The WALK signal and the green light mean look, and then if it's safe, go.
- 4 Remember to make eye contact with drivers to ensure they see you. Don't take a walk signal, a green traffic light, or a driver for granted.

## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY RULES IN WORK ZONES

- 4 Work zones are potentially dangerous because so much is happening. It's up to the pedestrian to be alert and stay on a safe path through the work zone.
- 4 It's always safest to simply avoid the area. If possible, cross the street before getting to the work zone or take another route.
- 4 If it's not practical to avoid the work zone, then the pedestrian must be attentive and careful.
- 4 It's very important to obey ALL work zone signs, pavement markings and personnel.
- 4 Pavement markings and distinctive orange signs define the SAFE way to travel through the work area.

## CROSSING SAFELY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY REMEMBER, IT'S UP TO YOU

## WORK ZONE SAFETY TIPS FOR EVERY PEDESTRIAN TO REMEMBER

- 4 Construction vehicles often move suddenly and quickly. Effective work zone signs and pavement markings will guide the pedestrian away from danger areas, but everyone in a work zone should always be alert for moving construction vehicles and other unexpected hazards.
- 4 Watch where you're going! Construction work may be fascinating to watch, but remember that your first responsibility is to get through the work zone as safely as you can.

## SAFETY CUES TO WATCH FOR IN WORK ZONES

Orange work zone signs communicate to both drivers and pedestrians what is going on and how to travel safely through the work zone. It can indicate that a sidewalk is closed and that a detour must be taken.

Pavement markings are painted or taped lines on the pavement which delineate vehicle travel lanes and can also indicate pedestrian paths.

Remember, the key to safety is to be alert, and DON'T MISS YOUR SAFETY CUES!