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.
- A warning light at the crosswalk will alert drivers that you are waiting to cross the street.

Want to Know More About Walking Safely?

Pedestrian Safety Campaign

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

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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.

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.

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.

What is a pedestrian (pa-dez’ try-an)?

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