

Safety Tips for Pedestrians & Drivers

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Safe Pedestrian Tips

- Cross at crosswalks where they are available.
- Use “walk” signals where they are available.
- Stop at red lights and stop signs.
- Watch for cars turning at “right on red” corners.
- Watch for cars backing out of driveways.
- Use sidewalks where they are available.
- Wear reflective clothing after dark.
- Do not cross in front of speeding cars.
- Always look for cars when you cross the street.
- Look both ways before you cross the street.
- Don’t dart out into the street.
- Use all your senses while walking.
- Avoid distractions such as personal stereos.
- Walk defensively.
- Expect the unexpected while walking.
- “Always look all ways”™

Pedestrian-Safe Driver Tips

- Stop at crosswalks when pedestrians are crossing.
- Stop when “walk” signals are lit.
- Stop at red lights and stop signs.
- Obey “no right turn on red” signs.
- Watch for walkers when backing out of driveways.
- Look for walkers on the sidewalk and in the street.
- Look closely for pedestrians, especially after dark.
- Travel at safe speeds to allow for stopping.
- Always look for pedestrians when you drive.
- Look in all directions for walkers when you drive.
- Look for pedestrians who might dart into the street.
- Use all your senses while driving.
- Avoid distractions such as car phones.
- Drive defensively.
- Expect the unexpected while driving.
- “Always look all ways”™

Walking in Arlington strongly encourages that pedestrians walk safely and that motorists drive in a pedestrian safe way. Walkers, drivers, truckers, cyclists, motorcyclists, wheelchair users, stroller rollers, rollerskaters and animals all share the streets and all have the right to expect safe, fair and respectful travel conditions. Walkers and drivers have the responsibility to travel in ways that are safe, fair and respectful.

These safety tips were created by **Walking in Arlington**, a pedestrian advocacy and walking safety group for all ages. We work with residents, Town officials, police, local businesses, schools, senior services, congregations and community groups to encourage walking and make walking safer and more pleasant. These tips are drawn from our experience as pedestrians and drivers. They are not intended to substitute for appropriate legal or medical advice on matters of safety or driver training.

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