

Safety Tips for Pedestrians & Drivers

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Safe Pedestrian Tips

Pedestrian-Safe Driver Tips

- Cross at crosswalks where they are available. ↔ Stop at crosswalks when pedestrians are crossing.
- Use “Walk” signals where they are available. ↔ Stop when “Walk” signals are lit.
- Always stop at red lights and stop signs. ↔ Always stop at red lights and stop signs.
- Watch for cars turning “Right on Red.” ↔ Obey “No Turn on Red” signs.
- Watch for cars backing out of driveways. ↔ Watch for walkers when backing out of driveways.
- Use sidewalks where they are available. ↔ Look for walkers on the sidewalk and in the street.
- Wear reflective clothing after dark. ↔ Look closely for pedestrians, especially after dark.
- Do not cross in front of speeding cars. ↔ Travel at speeds that allow safe stops. Do not speed.
- Always look for cars when you walk. ↔ Always look for pedestrians when you drive.
- Look both ways when you cross the street. ↔ Look in all directions for walkers when you drive.
- Don’t dart out into the street. ↔ Look for pedestrians who might dart into the street.
- Use all your senses while walking. ↔ Use all your senses while driving.
- Avoid cell phone distraction while walking. ↔ Avoid cell phone distraction while driving.
- Walk defensively. ↔ Drive defensively.
- Expect the unexpected while walking. ↔ Expect the unexpected while driving.
- “Always look all ways”™ ↔ “Always look all ways”™

Walking in Arlington encourages pedestrians to walk safely & cyclists to bike & motorists drive in a pedestrian safe way. Walkers, drivers, bus drivers, truck drivers, cyclists, motorcyclists, wheelchair users, stroller rollers, and animals all share the streets and all have the right to expect safe, fair, and respectful travel conditions. Walkers, drivers, cyclists, and all other travelers 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, 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 formal legal or medical advice on matters of safety or driver training.

