

Pedestrian Safety

Walk This Way

Be safe. Always walk in marked crosswalks and never jaywalk.

Make eye contact. Sun glare can temporarily blind drivers.

Be seen. If walking after dark, carry a flashlight and wear reflectors.



Walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.

Watch for cars backing out of driveways.

Get a good look. Always look to the left, right, and then left again before stepping into the street.

Avoid distractions. Cell phones and audio players keep you from hearing vehicle horns.

Watch for turning vehicles. Many pedestrians are injured at intersections by turning vehicles.



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Did you know?

- In Massachusetts, about 15 percent of all motor vehicle-related fatalities involve pedestrians.
- Nationwide, more than 4600 pedestrians are killed and 70,000 injured yearly.
- Many fatalities occur outside of a marked crosswalk

Massachusetts law requires that a vehicle must yield the right of way to a pedestrian in a marked crosswalk. Violations of such law may result in a fine of up to \$200.



- Nearly one half of all pedestrian fatalities happen on weekends.
- Over 90 percent of pedestrian crashes occur under normal weather conditions.
- More pedestrians are killed between 8 pm and 12 am than at any other time.