Injury Prevention

Watch out for cars!

• Drivers cannot always see walkers, especially children. Be aware of all vehicles when walking.

• When crossing the street between two parked cars, stop and look left, right, and left again when you get to the curb. Then step between the two cars and look again at the edge of the cars.

• When walking in front of a driveway or alleyway, be aware of cars that may be backing up. Look for back-up lights, listen for engine noise, and look for drivers in cars.

Safety tips for walkers

• Wear bright colored or reflective clothing when walking
• Always walk facing traffic.
• If there is a sidewalk, use it!
• If walking at night, carry a flashlight and wear clothing that will reflect light.

Be careful when crossing the street!

Always look carefully all around you before crossing the street:

• Don’t rely totally on stoplights and crosswalk signs. Look first before crossing.
• Cross only at the corner or at a crosswalk.
• Look left, right, and left again before crossing.
• A flashing Don’t Walk sign means: Do not begin to cross the street. Wait for the Walk sign.
• Look all around you for cars that may be turning.
• Always hold a child’s hand when crossing the street.

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