

Pedestrian Safety

What is a pedestrian, and can YOU be one?

A pedestrian is anyone who is walking. You have been a pedestrian already today just getting to Safety City. Walking is great fun. It can get us where we want to go, and it gives our body a great chance to exercise. But there can be some problems when we walk.

- Every day 44 children in the United States get hit by a car. That is about the same number that came with you to Safety City today.
- Almost 100 children come to Norton Children's Hospital every year for pedestrian injuries.

Sometimes people wear dark clothes and can't be seen, or they just run out in the road without looking. Some don't know the rules. And it isn't just smaller kids — lots of times it's teenagers and adults. We need to know what some words and street signs mean, and the rules of safe walking. And we need to share this with our families.

Words to know

- **Right and left** – directions
- **Intersection** – where two roads meet
- **Crosswalk** – the spot on the road marked where pedestrians can cross
- **Edge** – where pavement meets the grass or gravel, beside the road

How NOT to get hit by a car

- If you must be out at night walking, wear white or bright clothes so cars can see you better.
- Walk on sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left edge of the road so you are looking at the cars coming toward you. **NEVER** walk in the street.
- Cross only at street corners, intersections or in the crosswalk.
- When you come to a street, **STOP**. Then **turn your head to look to the left** and **then the right** and **then look over your shoulder** to make sure a car isn't coming behind you. Always keep looking as you cross the street.

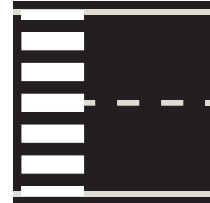


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Signs to Know

Draw a line to match the name of the sign to the picture of the correct sign.

STOP – Stop; don't cross.



YIELD – Slow down and look before going.



Pedestrian crossing – Tells you where to cross and when to look before crossing.



WALK/DON'T WALK – Tells you when it is safe to cross.



Traffic signal – Tells you when cars should be stopping or going.



Remember!

A green light or “WALK” signal does not always mean go. Drivers don't always do the right thing. Sometimes they go through red lights and stop signs. A green light or “WALK” signal means to **look first and then cross** when it is safe.



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