

Pedestrian Crossing Signals



To cross a street with a pedestrian signal:

If there is a pedestrian signal button, press it. If there is no button, the signals change on their own.

Pedestrian signals use the words WALK (or a person) and DON'T WALK (or a hand).

A steady, WALK or person means that you may enter the roadway and cross in the direction of the signal.

A flashing DON'T WALK or hand means that you may not start to cross, however if you have already started across, you may continue.

A steady DON'T WALK means that you must not start crossing the roadway.

Before crossing, always check for turning cars!

****Attention Drivers****

Children are physically different from adults

Children are **short**. This makes it difficult for them to see motorists and for motorists to see them—especially around obstructions like parked or moving cars, buses, and bushes.

Children have **underdeveloped peripheral vision**—approximately 1/3 narrower than an adult's, so a child won't see a motorist approaching from the right or left as soon as an adult will.

Children have **difficulty judging** a car's speed and distance, leading them to misjudge how far away from them a moving car really is. They often believe cars stop instantly.

Children often think that if they can see the driver, the driver can see them.

When driving in neighborhoods or school zones,

SLOW DOWN...

Watch for children who may be in a hurry to get to school or home and are not thinking about getting there safely.



Stop for school buses loading and unloading children. Never pass a school bus displaying flashing lights or a stop signal!

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Getting To and From School Safely



PARENTS, walk or bicycle with your child at least once to their bus stop or route to and from school and help them find the safest places to walk, bicycle, or wait for the bus.

SUPERVISE young children as they are walking or biking to school or while they wait at the school bus stop.

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Walking Tips



Pack your school stuff in a zippered bag so it is easy to carry to school.

Always walk on a sidewalk. If your route has no sidewalks, walk facing traffic along the side of the road so you see what is coming.

Before crossing a road or driveway, go up to the edge of it so you have a clear view of traffic. Then,



Look Left, Right, and Left again before crossing. When it is clear, begin crossing and continue to look for moving and turning vehicles while crossing.

Listen to your crossing guards. They are there to help you cross safely.



Bicycling Tips



Always wear a properly fitted helmet when riding your bicycle. Your helmet should cover your forehead, fit snugly all around and must be fastened beneath the chin. It should not be able to be moved more than an inch in any direction.

Wear **bright** clothes & reflective material to help you **be seen** by drivers! Secure untied shoe laces and baggy pants that might get caught in your chain. Always wear closed toe shoes when riding.

Always do a safety check before you ride. Look for loose or broken parts. Check the air in your tires. If you find something wrong do not ride your bicycle until it can be fixed.



Bicyclists using sidewalks, remember to go slow, yield to pedestrians, stop at side streets and driveways, and look for cars entering the roadway.

Always ride bicycles with the flow of traffic, use hand signals and **stop** at stop signs!



Bus Stop Safety

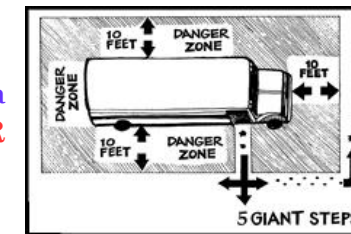
Get to your bus stop 5 minutes early & **NEVER RUN AFTER YOUR BUS!**

Stand back! Stay off the road and wait for the bus to stop and put out its stop sign.



Wait for the bus driver to signal you to cross and board the bus.

Every school bus has a **DANGER ZONE** where the bus driver cannot see you. **Never walk or stand in the DANGER ZONE!**



Take 5 steps away from the bus as soon as you get off to get out of the **DANGER ZONE!**

If you drop something around the bus, do not bend over to pick it up. Tell your bus driver and follow his or her instructions.