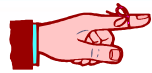


Pedestrian Safety

FACT SHEET



Remember:

- # Motorists are at times *pedestrians* and *pedestrians* are at times motorists.
- # Pedestrians have the right-of-way at all intersections and marked crosswalks.
- # Jaywalking (crossing the street without obeying traffic rules) is against the law.



Pedestrians Look Out:

- # Before stepping off a curb look left, look right, look left again over your shoulder.
- # It is the pedestrian's responsibility to yield to cars, when crossing a road without crosswalks.
- # If the "Don't Walk" signal is flashing, finish crossing, but don't start to cross.
- # At the intersection STOP! Look over your shoulder for cars turning. When all is clear, walk straight across the street, not on a diagonal.



Motorists Look Out:

- # STOP! before crosswalks. Motorists do not belong in crosswalks, pedestrians do.
- # Motorists must "look out" for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists.
- # Turning vehicles "must yield" to pedestrians crossing on the green light.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ 1. Never walk alone.
- ✓ 2. Follow the same general walking route. It's a good idea to tell someone else where you are walking and an approximate time of your return.
- ✓ 3. Always wear reflective clothing or reflective tape.
- ✓ 4. Walking at night poses safety and security problems.
- ✓ 5. Always walk facing traffic.
- ✓ 6. Always use crosswalks where provided.
- ✓ 7. Stop, Look, and Listen.
- ✓ 8. Always follow traffic control devices.(Walk, Don't Walk signs)
- ✓ 9. Always be alert to traffic and your surroundings.
- ✓ 10. Check for traffic before crossing, even if the sign says walk.

STATISTICS

NATIONAL: ■ In 2000, 4,739 pedestrians were killed in the United States. ■ In 2000, 78,000 pedestrians were injured. ■ On Average, a pedestrian is killed in a traffic crash every 111 minutes. ■ A pedestrian is injured every 7 minutes. ■ Most pedestrian fatalities in 2000 occurred at non-intersection locations (78 percent), in normal weather conditions (91 percent), and at night (64 percent).

TEXAS: ■ Texas-In 2000, 412 pedestrians were killed.