

Staying Safe: A Two-Way Road

According to the [National Highway Safety Administration](#), pedestrians and drivers can take the following steps to keep safe.

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<p>Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.</p>	<p>Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times. Safety is a shared responsibility.</p>
<p>Use sidewalks whenever they are available.</p>	<p>Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or bad weather.</p>
<p>If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.</p>	<p>Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.</p>
<p>Keep alert at all times and don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.</p>	<p>Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.</p>
<p>Whenever possible cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.</p>	<p>Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing that you can't see.</p>
<p>If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely. Continue watching for traffic as you cross.</p>	<p>Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.</p>
<p>Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.</p>	<p>Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street.</p>
<p>Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.</p>	<p>Follow slower speed limits in school zones and in neighborhoods where children are present.</p>
<p>Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.</p>	<p>Be extra cautious when backing up — pedestrians can move into your path</p>