

WALKING SAFELY

Acting as an alert, cautious, and responsible pedestrian will create a safer and more comfortable environment for all road users and will provide a positive example for others.

BE SAFE AND BE SEEN: MAKE YOURSELF VISIBLE TO DRIVERS

- Wear bright/light colored clothing and reflective materials at night.
- Cross the street or parking lot in a well-lit area.
- Stand clear of buses, hedges, parked cars or other obstacles before crossing so drivers can see you.

BE SMART AND ALERT: AVOID DANGEROUS BEHAVIORS

- Always walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- Don't assume vehicles will stop! Make eye contact with drivers; don't just look at the vehicle. If a driver is on a cell phone, they may not be paying enough attention to drive safely.
- Don't only rely on pedestrian signals; look before you cross the road.
- Be alert to engine noise or backup lights on cars when in parking lots and near on-street parking spaces.

BE CAREFUL AT CROSSINGS: LOOK BEFORE YOU STEP

- Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections.
- Obey traffic signals such as WALK and DON'T WALK signs.
- Look left, right, and left again before crossing a street.
- Watch for turning vehicles; make sure the driver sees you and will stop for you.
- Look across ALL lanes you must cross and visually clear each lane before continuing. Just because one car stops, do not assume drivers in other lanes can see you and will stop for you.
- Don't wear headphones or talk on a cell phone while crossing.

