

Whenever and wherever you cross, DO IT THE SAFER WAY!

- ◆ STOP at the curb before entering the street.



Oscar Moran, age 6, NYC

- ◆ If the pedestrian signal shows , wait for a fresh  so you'll have the most time to cross the street.
- ◆ LOOK in all directions before you begin to cross, even if there is a green light or a WALK signal in your direction.
- ◆ KEEP LOOKING in all directions while you cross the street.
- ◆ BE ALERT when you're in a parking lot, near a driveway or crossing mid-block between parked cars. LOOK for backup lights. LISTEN for engine noise. LOOK for drivers in cars.



Hamza Shabbir, age 7, NYC

Expect the Unexpected!

Always be aware of what's happening around you — and what may happen next.

- ◆ LOOK AT THE DRIVER of a turning vehicle before you cross. Make eye contact with each other before you step off the curb.
- ◆ HOLD YOUR HAND UP HIGH as you cross so drivers, especially of large trucks and buses, can see you.



Matthew Lim, age 8, NYC

- ◆ WEAR LIGHT OR BRIGHT clothing and attach retro-reflective material to bags, backpacks and shoes so drivers will notice you. Use a flashlight at night.

One-third of all pedestrian injuries happen after dark.

Drivers & Pedestrians: Are You Under the Influence?

Both drivers and pedestrians can be under the influence of drugs, medications, fatigue, emotional or physical stress that can impair their ability to drive a vehicle or cross a street safely.

- ◆ Approximately one of every 10 **pedestrians** killed in collisions with motor vehicles each year in New York City are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of both.
- ◆ About one of every 5 **drivers** killed in motor vehicle crashes each year are under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs.

It is just as deadly to walk under the influence as it is to drive under the influence. If you are under the influence or are taking medication that makes you drowsy or dizzy, walk with someone who is alert or wait until you feel more alert yourself.

Remember you are precious to somebody.



Olivia Duong, age 12, NYC

**PEDESTRIANS:
Put Yourself in the Driver's Seat!**

- ◆ Drivers don't expect to see you step out from between parked cars. Move out to the edge of the parked cars. Then stop, look and listen before you cross.

Think about this: A vehicle traveling at 30 mph may need 125 feet to come to a complete stop. Avoid darting out into the street!

- ◆ Check to see that no vehicles are coming before you push your stroller into the street.



Bebel Kacperr, age 5, NYC

- ◆ Be especially careful crossing streets during inclement weather. Drivers may not be able to stop in time.
- ◆ Large vehicles need a lot of room to turn; beware of back wheels mounting the sidewalk.

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**DRIVERS:
Put Yourself in Their Shoes!**

- ◆ When making a turn, look for both traffic and pedestrians. Remember: cars are easier to see than people walking. Always look for pedestrians and yield to them when making a turn.
- ◆ Watch out for pedestrians when backing up in roadways, parking lots or driveways. Continue to look for pedestrians while you are backing up.
- ◆ Be sure to use your headlights during a storm. Use them during daytime hours, too. This will make your car more visible to pedestrians and other drivers.
- ◆ If older adults or others with special needs are crossing at an intersection, be patient and give them time to cross.

Although older adults make up only 12% of NYC's population, they make up over 35% of NYC's pedestrian deaths.

- ◆ Be especially alert for sudden dart-outs in areas where children play or walk to school.
- ◆ Give pedestrians some extra space. Stop before the crosswalk, not in it.
- ◆ Observe the speed limit.

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You can control the way you drive!**

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