

# WALK THIS WAY

• PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS •



Get to know the safety tips & pedestrian laws that help keep Washington walkers safe.

**WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY TO KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE!**

## PEDESTRIANS

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these safety tips:*

## DRIVERS

- 1. Unplug from technology:**  
Don't be a distracted walker.
- 2. Make Eye Contact with drivers before you cross:**  
Don't walk until all traffic stops.
- 3. Use a Sidewalk, if possible:** If sidewalks are not available, walk on the side of the road, facing the traffic coming towards you.
- 4. Use a Crosswalk or intersection:**  
Rather than crossing in the middle of the street.
- 5. Look Left, Right, Left:** Stop, and look left, right, and left again for traffic BEFORE crossing the street.
- 6. Be Safe, Be Seen:** Drivers need to see you, and to avoid you. Wear bright and/or reflective clothing and use a flashlight at night.
- 7. Be Aware:** When walking in front of a driveway, alleyway, or behind a car, be aware of cars that may be backing up. Look for backup lights, listen for engine noise and look for drivers in cars.

- 1. Stop at Crosswalks:** Every intersection is a crosswalk—[it's the law](#). Drivers must stop for pedestrians at intersections, whether it's an unmarked or marked crosswalk.
- 2. Phone Down:** Hand-held cell phone use and texting is prohibited for all Washington drivers.
- 3. Obey Traffic Laws:** Obey all traffic laws. Pay special attention to posted speed limits in [school zones](#).
- 4. Stay Alert:**  
Avoid distracted or impaired driving.
- 5. Use Caution:** Every driver of a vehicle should use caution to avoid colliding with any pedestrian on any roadway and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary.

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