Pedestrian Traffic Signals

Push the Button and Start Crossing.
Watch for turning cars.

Don’t Start.
Finish crossing if started.

Don’t Cross.

Know what the pedestrian traffic signals mean, and walk safely.

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Señas de Tránsito Peatonales

Apriete el botón y empiece a pasar. Preste atención a los autos que estén doblando.

No empiece a cruzar. Termine de cruzar si ya ha comenzado.

No cruce.

Sepa lo que significan las señales peatonales y camine con precaución.

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Safety Tips

For Drivers

>>> Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections – it’s the law.

>>> Do not block crosswalks when stopping at intersections.

>>> Slow down and obey the posted speed limit.

>>> Take extra care around schools, playgrounds and neighborhoods.

>>> Always look out for pedestrians, especially before turning at a green light or making a “right turn on red.”

>>> Never run red lights.

>>> Be careful when passing stopped vehicles. They might be stopping for pedestrians.

>>> Allow 3 feet when passing bicyclists.

>>> Share the road. It’s your responsibility to look out for others.

For Bicyclists

>>> Always wear a helmet.

>>> Obey all traffic rules – bicycles are vehicles.

>>> Do not ride against traffic.

>>> Yield to pedestrians on the sidewalk and in the crosswalk.

>>> Be predictable; use hand signals.

>>> Use a headlight, tail light, and retro-reflective clothing when riding at night.

>>> If you cannot see a truck’s mirrors, the truck driver cannot see you.

>>> Don’t cut in front of a truck too soon after passing.

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For Pedestrians

- Cross the street at marked crosswalks and intersections whenever possible.
- Before crossing, look left, right, then left again, and over your shoulder for turning vehicles.
- Begin crossing the street on “Walk” signals – never on a solid or flashing “Don’t Walk.”
- Use pedestrian pushbuttons to activate/extend the walk signal.
- Use sidewalks. If there are none, walk facing traffic so you see vehicles, and drivers see you.
- Make eye contact with drivers so they see you. Never assume they do.
- Stay visible after dark and in bad weather with light-colored or retroreflective clothing.
- Bus and truck drivers take longer to stop and are looking out for you. Are you looking out for them?
- Pay attention to turning vehicles – especially trucks and buses making a “right turn on red.” Be aware that truck/bus drivers often have to swing wide to negotiate turns.
- Watch out for trucks and buses backing out of parking spaces and driveways.

Take the Time to Cross Safely.

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USE THE CROSSWALKS
CRUCE POR EL PASO DE PEATONES
LOOK LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT.

PRIMERO MIRE A LA IZQUIERDA

DEPÚS A LA DERECHA

Y OTRA VEZ A LA IZQUIERDA

DON'T GAMBLE WITH YOUR LIFE
LOOK BEFORE CROSSING

NO JUEGUE CON SU VIDA
MIRE ANTES DE CRUZAR

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