



LOOK BEFORE YOU STEP!

Pedestrian  
safety month!

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## Safety tips for pedestrians

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April's focus is on pedestrian safety in our communities.

In this issue we will cover some safety tips for pedestrians.

As a pedestrian, you want to make sure you are seen by the motorists whilst on the roadways/crosswalks. You can accomplish this in a variety of different ways.

- wear bright/light colored reflective clothing
- carry a flashlight when walking at night
- cross the street in a well-lit area at night

### Be smart and alert!

- always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic
- stay sober! Walking while impaired increases your chances of being struck
- don't assume vehicles will stop. Make eye contact with drivers, don't just look at the vehicle
- don't rely solely on pedestrian signals. Look before you cross the road.

### Be careful at crossings!

- cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections, if possible.
- obey traffic signals such as WALK/ DON'T WALK
- look left, right and then left again before crossing the street
- watch for turning vehicles and make sure the driver sees you
- don't wear headphones or talk a cell phone while crossing

*\*Pedestrians entering a roadway when prohibited by pedestrian signal can cost you \$78\**

# Motorists

## Look first!

- be alert- remember that you share the road with other motorists, cyclists and, pedestrians!
- make sure you can see the road clearly. Clear the ice, snow and dirt from the windows and lights!
- when turning, look both ways for pedestrians and cyclists!
- Be patient, especially with children, older pedestrians, or adults with small children or strollers - they may need more time to cross the road.
- Slow down on residential streets and in school, playground, and construction zones.

***\*Failure to yield to a pedestrian in a cross walk can cost you \$776\****



# Cyclists



When you ride a bicycle on the road it is classified as a vehicle. Cyclists have the same responsibilities as drivers of motor vehicles. Remember to share the road. Since bicycles are one of the smallest vehicles on the road, you have to make sure you are seen and heard.

## Wear the gear!

- Reflective tape, reflectors, and rear lights make it easier to be seen
- Head lamps or handle bar lights help to light the road in front of you
- Bright clothing catches people's attention in the daytime
- Wear a proper fitting helmet – not only is this the law for people under 18 – it sets a positive example and could save your life.
- Use a bell to alert pedestrians and other bikers that you are near.

\*Know the specific rules of the road for biking, including how to use bike lanes and how to hand signal.