

Reminder!

Always look to your left, right and left again before crossing a street and be especially cautious at intersections. Be aware that drivers have differing levels of eyesight and skill in operating motor vehicles.

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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AWARENESS



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SAFE



According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), pedestrians were one of the few groups of road users over the past couple of years to experience an increase in fatalities. In 2012, there were 4,743 pedestrian deaths with an estimated 76,000 injuries due to traffic crashes in the United States. In 2014, there were more than 50 pedestrian fatalities in Houston compared to 45 in 2013. Pedestrians are encouraged to follow these safety tips to reduce the rising number of pedestrian fatalities and injuries



CROSSING ROADS AND STREETS

- Cross streets at a corner, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Always look before you cross the road and make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets.
- Obey traffic signals of Walk/Don't Walk and other pedestrian signs.

- Pedestrians should be especially careful at intersections, where drivers may fail to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians while turning onto another street.
- If crossing at other locations, make sure you yield the right-of-way to vehicles.
- When crossing multiple lanes of traffic look across ALL lanes and visually clear each lane of traffic before proceeding. Even if one motorist stops, do not presume drivers in other lanes can see you and will stop for you.
- Never attempt to cross a freeway. If you are on the shoulder of a freeway because your vehicle has broken down, if possible, use your cell phone and call for help.

NIGHTTIME PRECAUTIONS FOR PEDESTRIANS

- Wear bright colors or reflective clothing or shoes if you are walking near traffic at night. Dress to be seen!

- Carry a flashlight when walking in the dark.
- Cross the street in a well-lit area at night.

REMAIN ALERT AND PAY ATTENTION TO ROADWAYS

- Don't text, talk on a cell phone or wear earphones when crossing the street.
- Avoid alcohol and/or drugs as they can impair your ability to walk and make sound decisions when walking or crossing a street.
- Never cross between parked cars, buses or other obstacles.
- Walk on the sidewalk. If sidewalks are not available, walk on the shoulder and face traffic.

