Being a Safe Pedestrian
At Auburn University

Before Crossing

♦ Make eye contact with the driver so they know you are about to cross.
- In 2009, there were a total of 4,092 deaths resulting from pedestrian/car accidents. 73% of these occurred on major roads.

Never assume a vehicle can see you or that they will stop.

♦ Have a clear view of both lanes in the roadway. When it is safe to cross, walk quickly while scanning for traffic.

♦ Press the button and wait for the “WALK” display at all pedestrian signals.
  - Obeying signals makes you more predictable and considerate to other traffic.

♦ Never dart suddenly into the roadway when it’s not possible for the driver to yield.
  - Give vehicles enough time to see you and react.

♦ Do not cross in the middle of the street or between parked cars. Drivers aren’t prepared for pedestrians to cross at unexpected locations.

♦ Before crossing, look left, right, and left again. Consider the distance and speed of oncoming traffic before you move. TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS – if you don’t feel safe, don’t cross.

♦ Pedestrians outside of designated crosswalks must yield the right-of-way to vehicles on the roadway.

Important to Remember

⇒ Try not to walk in traffic where there are no sidewalks or crosswalks. If you have to do so, walk FACING traffic (this will help you to see what’s coming and be seen by approaching vehicles.)

⇒ Wear brightly-colored or reflective clothing if you are walking near traffic at night. Carry a flashlight to make yourself more visible. Often, traffic cannot see you in the dark until they are way too close for comfort! Pedestrians are 1,100 times more likely to be hit by a car at nighttime!

⇒ Watch for signs that a car is about to move (rear lights, exhaust, turning wheels.) Never walk behind a vehicle that is backing up.

Always be alert and aware! Avoid listening to music, and talking/texting on your phone while walking.

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