

Crosswalk Safety & Bicycle Safety Tips

TAKE 5 & SAVE A LIFE !!

Whether you walk, bike or drive, take 5 seconds to follow crosswalk safety guidelines.

PEDESTRIANS:

- **Always cross at marked crosswalks.**
You forfeit your rights as a pedestrian if you cross elsewhere.
- **Obey any pedestrian signals and look left-right-left**
to make sure the road is clear in both directions before crossing.
- **If a vehicle approaches, make eye contact with the driver**
to be sure s/he sees you before you cross, and don't be distracted by cell phone or I-pod use.
- **Look before walking past stopped vehicles.**
Do not cross just because a driver waves you on. Be sure all lanes are clear first.
- **Remember that bicycles are not considered pedestrians**
unless they are walking their bikes. Otherwise, they are considered vehicles.

BICYCLISTS:

- **Yield to pedestrians.**
- **Remember that bicyclists are not considered pedestrians**
unless they are walking their bikes. Otherwise, they are considered vehicles and forfeit their rights as pedestrians in the case of an accident or citation.
- **Use marked bike paths or multi-use paths when available.**
- **Obey vehicular traffic signals and laws on the roadways, including wearing a helmet** (State law). You will not be able to ride to and from school without a helmet.
- **Use extra caution as you transition between bike paths, roads, and sidewalks.**
Be aware that your actions are unpredictable to drivers and pedestrians.

DRIVERS:

- **Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at intersections.**
- **Be prepared to stop at all marked crosswalks.**
Stay alert and reduce speed in areas with crosswalks.
- **Be alert for bicyclists and skateboarders whose approaches to the crosswalk**
may be much swifter than those of pedestrians.
- **Come to a complete stop**
if pedestrians are crossing or preparing to cross.
- **Wait until pedestrians have crossed at least one lane past the lane you are in**
before resuming travel.
- **Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk.**