

BUS/PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS

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- Use the sidewalk whenever possible, and if there isn't a sidewalk, walk on the edge of the street facing traffic.
- Focus when walking near traffic – this is no time for horseplay.
- Use crosswalks whenever they are available to cross the street. This is where drivers expect pedestrians.
- Look left-right-left before crossing any street.
- Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Look for cars in all directions – including those turning left or right.
- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows you enough time to cross safely, and continue to watch for traffic as you cross.
- Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach you to make sure you are seen. Be visible at all times.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before boarding. Never try to board a moving bus.
- Only exit the bus through the designated doors.