



# COMMUNITY ALERT



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## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



### PEDESTRIANS

1. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
2. Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
3. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
4. It is always recommended to cross streets at crosswalks or intersections. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right and do not look at or use your cell phone.
5. 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 enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.
6. Watch for cars entering/exiting driveways and alleys or backing up in parking lots.
7. Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and your judgment.

### DRIVERS

1. Be alert and attentive to pedestrians.
2. Recent changes in the law no longer requires pedestrians to cross in crosswalks.
3. Don't drive while distracted.
4. Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as during the hours of darkness or bad weather.
5. Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
6. Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.
7. Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing where you can't see.
8. Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
9. Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street, in school zones, residential neighborhoods and in neighborhoods where children or seniors may be present.
10. Be extra cautious when backing up and look for pedestrians.

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