

Safety Tips For Drivers

- As a driver, remember that you may encounter pedestrians anytime and anywhere - even in places where they may be unexpected.
- Pedestrians can be very hard to see - especially in bad weather, at night or during the late afternoon when the sun is setting. Keep a lookout and slow down if you can't see clearly.
- Stop for pedestrians who are crossing the street, whether in a crosswalk or at an unmarked intersection.
- When you stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk, stop well back so that drivers in the other lanes can also see the pedestrian in time to stop.
- Cars stopped in the street may be stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross. Do not pass if there is any doubt!
- Don't assume that pedestrians see you, or that they will act predictably. They may be physically or mentally impaired, unfamiliar with how to cross the street safely, or just not paying attention.
- When you are turning, you often will have to wait for a "gap" in traffic. Beware while you are watching for that "gap," that pedestrians may have moved into your intended path. Look to the right again to check that the crosswalk is clear, before proceeding to turn.
- Be especially attentive around schools and in neighborhoods where children are present.
- Slow down in neighborhoods! Expect that children or pets may dart out into the street without warning, and drive accordingly.
- Obey traffic control devices such as stoplights and stop signs. They are placed at their designated locations to improve safety for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. But, they are only effective if you respect them.

Remember: How you drive is a reflection of the respect you have for this community.