EVERYONE
IS A PEDESTRIAN!

SAFETY TIPS
For Pedestrians and Drivers

Whenever you are not in your vehicle, you are a pedestrian!

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WHEN YOU ARE WALKING

- Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.

- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.

- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.

- Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.

- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible. This is where drivers expect pedestrians.

  o 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. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.

- Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and judgment too.

WHEN YOU ARE DRIVING

- Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times. Safety is a shared responsibility.

- Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or in bad weather.

- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.

- 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.

- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing that you can't see.

- Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

- Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street.

- Follow slower speed limits in school zones and in neighborhoods where there are children present.

- Be extra cautious when backing up – pedestrians can move into your path.