

# SAFE WALKING

- Cross streets safely, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Use sidewalks where available. If sidewalks are unavailable, walk facing road traffic.
- Watch out for vehicles that are turning or backing up.
- Use a flashlight when walking at night.
- Cross streets in a well-lit area at night.
- Stand clear of bushes, hedges, parked vehicles or other obstacles before crossing the street so motorists can see you.
- Remain alert! Do not assume drivers will stop; make eye contact with drivers.
- Look left, right and left again before crossing a street.



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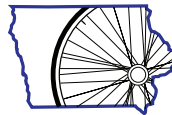
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# PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

for  
kids



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## FOR KIDS

- Do not cross a street alone if you are under 10.
- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the street.
- Look left, right and left again before you cross the street, and keep looking both ways until you reach the other side.
- Walk on direct routes with the fewest crossings.
- Cross the street at the corner or at a crosswalk; and obey all traffic signals.
- Always walk on a sidewalk, where possible.
- If walking when it is dark, wear light-colored clothing so drivers can see you.
- Never run out into a street for a ball, pet or any other reason.



## WINTER WALKING

- Look over the weather report; consider avoiding outdoor activities until the weather improves.
- Make sure children wear boots that are not too tight and a warm coat.
- Property owners should always keep their sidewalks and driveways shoveled and use rock salt to improve traction.
- Take extra precautions when dusk or evening approaches. A drivers' ability to see during these times of day is greatly reduced.

## CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR PEDESTRIANS

- Make sure children play in safe places away from motor vehicles, such as yards, parks and playgrounds; and never play in the street. Fence off play areas from driveways and streets.
- Buy clothing and accessories for your family to wear at night that are made from materials that reflect light.
- Check frequently for children when backing out of a driveway or parking space.

