

# WALK this WAY


**A GUIDE TO  
PEDESTRIAN  
SAFETY**



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### **Pedestrian Safety Tips**

- If you plan to walk, take a battle buddy
- Cross the street only at intersections or marked crosswalks
- Do not cross in the middle of a street or between cars; if you are getting off a bus, wait until the bus has moved away before checking for traffic
- Continuously watch for traffic as you cross the street
- Always make sure a motorist is not turning even if there is a "No turn on red" sign
- Avoid walking on roads without sidewalks and crosswalks, but if you must, walk facing traffic
- Always look both ways before crossing the street – even if it is not a busy intersection
- Wear reflective or bright clothing in the dark so drivers can easily identify you; cross near a light
- Follow crosswalk signs/signals; do not cross when the sign

reads "Do Not Walk" even if there is not oncoming traffic

- Do not assume that cars are driving slowly enough for you to cross or for them to stop
- Do not run or dash into the street

### **Pedestrians should always attempt to avoid:**

- walking against a pedestrian walk signal,
- crossing a street where there is no crosswalk (midblock crossing)
- crossing a street outside of a marked crosswalk where one is present
- walking on a street along with the traffic flow (ignoring designated pedestrian pathways)
- drinking to excess and attempting to walk to home or barracks

### **Unsafe pedestrian behavior can also increase the risk of injury or fatality such as:**

- failing to yield (both drivers and pedestrians)
- leaning on a parked car
- jogging/walking in the wrong direction
- pushing a disabled car
- working on a parked car
- standing between parked cars
- standing in a road

### **Driver tips to remember when encountering pedestrians**

- You can encounter pedestrians anywhere, at anytime
- Be attentive especially around schools and neighborhoods where children are present
- Pay attention to crosswalks; make sure pedestrians are not crossing the road before passing through the crosswalk
- Do not assume the pedestrian sees (or hears) you
- Pay attention to traffic controls
- Yield to pedestrians already crossing the road even if not at the crosswalk