Pedestrian Safety

Protect yourself and your family by doing these things:

- Walk on the sidewalk—Stay on the sidewalk and crosswalks. Avoid walking in traffic where there are no sidewalks or crosswalks; If you have to walk on a road that does not have sidewalks, walk facing traffic.
- Cross at intersections—Most people are hit by cars when they cross the road at places other than intersections. Cross in marked crosswalks and obey the signal.
- Look left, right, and left for traffic—Stop at the curb and look left, right, and left again for traffic. Stopping at the curb signals drivers that you intend to cross.
- See and be seen—Drivers need to see you to avoid you. Wear bright colors or reflective clothing if you are walking near traffic at night. Carry a flashlight when walking in the dark, and cross at lighted marked intersections.
- Stay out of the driver’s blind spot—Make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets.
- Keep your kids safe—Do not let kids play near traffic or cross the street by themselves. Kids are small, and drivers may not see them if they run into the street.

Did you Know . . .

42-4-801 C.R.S. Pedestrian Obedience to Traffic Control Devices
(1) A pedestrian shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device, specifically applicable to the pedestrian, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

42-4-802 C.R.S. - Pedestrians’ Right-of-Way in Crosswalks
(1) The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way by slowing or stopping, if needed, to any pedestrian crossing within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling.
(3) No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and ride a bicycle, walk or run, into the path of a moving vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

42-4-803 C.R.S.—Crossing at Other Than Crosswalks
(1) Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield right of way to any vehicle upon the roadway.
(3) Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in marked crosswalks.

What about bikes on the roadway and sidewalks?

When using the roadway all bicyclists are required to follow all applicable traffic laws.
- Stop at all stop signs
- Obey all traffic signals
- Speed limits

When bicyclists are using a sidewalk they must follow laws applicable to pedestrians.
- Cross in a crosswalk if available.
- Slow or stop before entering a crosswalk to check for oncoming vehicles.