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Pedestrian safety

OPP wish to remind citizens that pedestrian safety is for all ages. In traffic incidents involving pedestrians and motorists, it's the pedestrian who suffers the most in terms of injury and, in many cases, it's not the driver's fault. It's the responsibility of both driver and pedestrian to ensure each other's safety by following some simple rules.

As a pedestrian

Cross at marked crosswalks or traffic lights, not in the middle of the block or between parked cars; Make sure drivers see you before you cross; Cross when traffic has come to a complete stop; At a traffic light, cross at the beginning of a green light. Do not cross once the ?Don't Walk? signal begins to flash or once the light has turned to yellow. Never cross on a red light; Watch for traffic turning at intersections or entering and leaving driveways; Wear bright or light-coloured clothing or reflective strips, when walking in dusk or darkness.

As a motorist

Be patient, especially with older pedestrians who need more time to cross the road. Always look for pedestrians, especially when turning. Remember, stay alert and slow down on residential streets and through school zones.

As a parent or caregiver

Teach and reinforce the proper techniques for crossing the road safely with your child.

Stress the importance of walking on the inside of the sidewalk, or where there are no sidewalks, as far away as possible from the travelled portion of the road.

Stop before the edge of the sidewalk at all times.

Be alert and pay attention to your surroundings.