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Crossing Tips for Pedestrians and Drivers

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, each year in the U.S. more than 4,700 pedestrians are killed and 61,000 are injured in traffic crashes. Practicing the following safety tips will help you to avoid an accident.

Tips for Pedestrians:

- Before crossing, stop at the curb, edge of the road, or corner before proceeding.
- Look left-right-left before crossing.
- Continue to check for traffic while crossing.
- If available always use the crosswalk and obey traffic signals.
- Dress in colors that stand out or wear retro-reflective material.
- Make eye contact with drivers to make sure they see you.

Tips for Drivers:

- Keep in mind that you can encounter pedestrians at any time, and anywhere.
- Pedestrians can be hard to see. This is especially true at night or in bad weather conditions. If you can't see well, slow down.
- Be mindful of crosswalk areas, even if you have the right of way.
- Do not overtake or pass other vehicles stopped for pedestrians.
- Be especially attentive around schools and other neighborhoods where children are likely to be playing.

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