

## SHARING THE ROAD WITH...

# Pedestrians



Everyone's a pedestrian some of the time. Treat pedestrians the way you'd like to be treated if you were on foot in traffic. Here are some guidelines for sharing the road with pedestrians:

- ✓ Remember that pedestrians have the right-of-way at all intersections, whether crosswalks are marked or not.
- ✓ Wait until the pedestrian is completely across the street before going ahead.
- ✓ Where there are many pedestrians, slow down and be prepared to stop at any time.
- ✓ When turning a corner, check for pedestrians crossing both the street you're on and the one you're turning into.
- ✓ Do not pass a vehicle that is stopped at a crosswalk. There may be a pedestrian hidden from your view in the crosswalk.
- ✓ Always give pedestrians with white canes or assistance dogs the right-of-way. These people are disabled.
- ✓ Always stop and check in both directions for pedestrians before crossing a sidewalk at a driveway or alley. Pedestrians have the right-of-way on the sidewalk.
- ✓ Stop for anyone crossing the street on foot.

Certain pedestrians require extra caution. Seniors and disabled people may not hear or see well, and can't always move fast to get out of the way of hazards. Children are unpredictable and could run into the street at any time; drive slowly when they are present on the sidewalks. Finally, a pedestrian who is drunk may be unaware of traffic lights or oncoming vehicles. Give such a person a wide berth.