

Safety Tips for Road Users

Drivers:

- Look for pedestrians, especially when turning left or right. Don't just look in front of you. Check the entire crosswalk for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or entering a crosswalk.
- Visibility decreases when it's dark. Be extra vigilant at night or early mornings.
- Be more cautious near transit stops and stations. They are locations of high pedestrian activity that can be unpredictable.
- Always make a complete stop at a stop sign. Make sure the intersection is clear of pedestrians and other vehicles before proceeding.
- Follow the rules of your school's drop-off and pick-up to ensure traffic flows smoothly and safely.

Pedestrians:

- Follow pedestrian signals and be aware of your surroundings.
- Where possible, make eye contact with drivers to ensure they see you before you proceed.
- Cross at the pedestrian crossing, crosswalk or intersection.
- Avoid distractions and focus on what is happening around you while walking and when crossing the street.
- Don't begin crossing the street during the flashing "don't walk" phase. Press the button, if there is one and wait for the next walk signal.
- Be extra aware in areas with lots of driveways. Drivers may be reversing and may have a hard time seeing you.
- When walking on shared paths, keep to the right and be aware of faster moving people who may want to pass, such as those on scooters or bikes.

Cyclists:

- It is legally required for those under the age of 18 to wear a helmet when riding their bike – it is strongly recommended that everyone wear a helmet.
- Make sure your bike is in safe working order and has a bell, light and reflector before you head out.
- Obey all traffic signals/signs and trail signs.
- Learn and use the proper hand signals to let others know when you are planning to turn or stop.
- Pass on the left. Use your bell or give a friendly verbal warning when preparing to pass someone.
- At a cross-ride, ride through the dedicated cycling space and allow pedestrians full use of the crosswalk. Check for pedestrians crossing the street before making any turns at intersections.
- Slow down around pedestrians and use extra caution when approaching seniors, children and people with pets.