

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT

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## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

## TIPSHEET

### WALK SMART



### DO YOUR PART

#### 8 WALKING SAFETY TIPS

1. Follow the rules of the road and always obey signs and signals.
2. Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
3. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
4. Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
5. If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.
6. Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.
7. Put your phone down.
8. **If walking at night, remain visible with bright clothing or reflective material.**



#### 8 DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

1. **Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times.**
2. Use extra caution at nights and hard to see conditions.
3. Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or entering crosswalk.
4. Yield to pedestrians in crosswalk.
5. Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk.  
There may be people crossing where you cannot see.
6. Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
7. Follow the speed limit, especially around school zones and in neighborhoods.
8. Be extra cautions when backing up especially in parking lots.



#### Teach Kids How to Walk Safely

At an early age, teach young kids to always look **LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT** before crossing

Always make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street

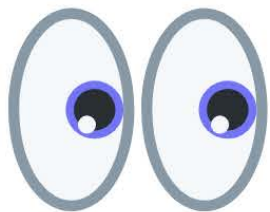
Encourage children to be **ESPECIALLY ALERT** for cars turning or backing up.

Educate kids on the dangers of playing in the street and teach them not to dart out onto the street or in-between cars

Put phones and devices down when crossing a street

Double check before crossing at crosswalks. Cars may fail to yield or not see a child or pedestrian prior to turning

## LOOK



## LEFT RIGHT LEFT

