WALK ON THE SAFE SIDE: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

PEDESTRIANS 2012

We Are All Pedestrians.

Wisconsin law defines a "pedestrian" as "any person afoot or any person in a wheelchair, either manually or mechanically propelled, or other low-powered mechanically propelled vehicle designed specifically for use by a physically disabled person.

Safety Tips for Pedestrians:

- Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, always walk FACING traffic.
- Dress to be seen.
- Cross only at corners or marked crosswalks.
- Stop at the curb or the edge of the road.
- Stop and look left, then right, then left again before you step into the street.
- If you see a car, wait until it goes by.
- If a car is parked where you are crossing, make sure there is no driver in the car.
- Watch for bicycles on both the sidewalks and the roads.

Safety Tips for Young & Disabled Pedestrians:

- **Blind Pedestrians** – Drivers must stop at least 10 feet from a pedestrian carrying a white cane or using a guide dog.
- **School Bus Stops** – Drivers approaching a stopped school bus from either direction with flashing red lights must stop at least 20 feet from the bus and remain stopped until the red flashing lights are deactivated.
- **School Zones & Crossings** – Drivers must follow posted speed limits while passing through school zones when children are present, and must yield the right of way to children at intersections and crosswalks.

Safety Tips for Drivers:

- Yield to pedestrians when crossing a sidewalk.
- Yield to pedestrians who have started crossing at an intersection.
- Yield to pedestrians who are crossing the highway and be aware of those walking on the shoulder.
- Do not overtake and pass any vehicle that stops at an intersection or crosswalk to permit a pedestrian or bicyclist to cross the roadway safely.
- Bicycle riders must yield to pedestrians.
- Be especially aware of young & disabled pedestrians. Give them extra room.

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