

# 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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