

# Pedestrian Traffic Signals



**Push the  
Button and  
Start Crossing.**

Watch for turning cars.



**Don't Start.**

Finish crossing if started.



**Don't Cross.**

STREET  
**/// SMART**  
*Think of the Impact You Can Make*

**Know what the pedestrian  
traffic signals mean, and  
walk safely.**

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# Señales de Tránsito Peatonales



**Apriete el boton  
y empiece a  
pasar.**

Preste atención a los autos que  
estén doblando.



*Flashing*

**No empiece  
a cruzar.**

Termine de cruzar  
si ya ha comenzado.



*Steady*

**No cruce.**

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**Sepa lo que significan las  
señales peatonales y  
camine con precaución.**

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# Safety Tips

## For Drivers

- /// Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections – it's the law.
- /// Do not block crosswalks when stopping at intersections.
- /// Slow down and obey the posted speed limit.
- /// Take extra care around schools, playgrounds and neighborhoods.
- /// Always look out for pedestrians, especially before turning at a green light or making a "right turn on red."
- /// Never run red lights.
- /// Be careful when passing stopped vehicles. They might be stopping for pedestrians.
- /// Allow 3 feet when passing bicyclists.
- /// Share the road. It's your responsibility to look out for others.

## For Bicyclists

- /// Always wear a helmet.
- /// Obey all traffic rules – bicycles are vehicles.
- /// Do not ride against traffic.
- /// Yield to pedestrians on the sidewalk and in the crosswalk.
- /// Be predictable; use hand signals.
- /// Use a headlight, tail light, and retro-reflective clothing when riding at night.
- /// If you cannot see a truck's mirrors, the truck driver cannot see you.
- /// Don't cut in front of a truck too soon after passing.

# Safety Tips

## For Pedestrians

- /// Cross the street at marked crosswalks and intersections whenever possible.
- /// Before crossing, look left, right, then left again, and over your shoulder for turning vehicles.
- /// Begin crossing the street on “Walk” signals – never on a solid or flashing “Don’t Walk.”
- /// Use pedestrian pushbuttons to activate/extend the walk signal.
- /// Use sidewalks. If there are none, walk facing traffic so you see vehicles, and drivers see you.
- /// Make eye contact with drivers so they see you. Never assume they do.
- /// Stay visible after dark and in bad weather with light-colored or retroreflective clothing.
- /// Bus and truck drivers take longer to stop and are looking out for you. Are you looking out for them?
- /// Pay attention to turning vehicles – especially trucks and buses making a “right turn on red.” Be aware that truck/bus drivers often have to swing wide to negotiate turns.
- /// Watch out for trucks and buses backing out of parking spaces and driveways.

**Take the Time to  
Cross Safely.**



**USE THE  
CROSSWALKS**

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**CRUCE POR  
EL PASO  
DE PEATONES**

**DON'T GAMBLE WITH YOUR LIFE  
LOOK BEFORE CROSSING**

**NO JUEGUE CON SU VIDA  
MIRE ANTES DE CRUZAR**

**LOOK LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT.**



**PRIMERO MIRE  
A LA IZQUIERDA**



**DEPUÉS A LA  
DERECHA**



**Y OTRA VEZ  
A LA IZQUIERDA**

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