

Pedestrian Traffic Signals



**Push the
Button and
Start Crossing.**

Watch for turning cars.



Don't Start.

Finish crossing if started.



Don't Cross.

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**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**

**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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