

# Look out for each other!

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A vehicle strikes a pedestrian, on average, once every day on our streets. Safety on Calgary streets requires both pedestrians and motorists to take responsibility to look out for each other.

## Share the responsibility for safety

As our city grows, more vehicles are on the roads and more pedestrians are using sidewalks and crosswalks. Having the right-of-way does not necessarily mean a motorist will stop or a pedestrian will not cross the road. We all need to increase our efforts to create a safe travel environment by being aware of each other on the roadways.

### Tips for motorists:

- Stop for all pedestrians crossing in a marked or unmarked crosswalk – it's the law.
- When stopped at a crosswalk, make sure other drivers are aware a pedestrian is in the crosswalk. Alert drivers who appear to be unaware of the pedestrian by flashing your brake lights or honking your horn.
- Wait until the pedestrian completely clears the intersection before proceeding.
- If another vehicle is stopped at a crosswalk, slow down and look for pedestrians.





- Make eye contact with the pedestrian.
- When turning left at an intersection, check to your left to make sure there are no pedestrians.
- When turning right, check both ways to ensure there are no pedestrians nearby.
- Drive at a safe speed and be aware of pedestrian activity around you.
- Ensure proper visibility from your vehicle. Ensure your windshield and headlights are clean and don't obstruct your view.
- Do not park within five metres of a marked crosswalk or intersection.

### **Tips for pedestrians:**

- To make motorists aware you are trying to cross the street, point using your arm in the direction you intend to cross, **pause** and make eye contact with the motorist and **proceed** when safe.
- Cross the street only at intersections, not mid-block or against a signal.
- Understand and follow signals and signs.
- Wear light-coloured clothing and reflective devices so you are visible to motorists.

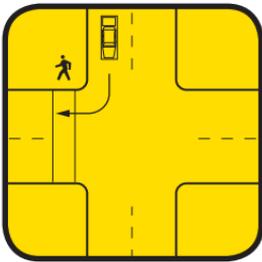
Research indicates children under the age of nine should always be accompanied by a responsible adult or an older child to ensure they cross the street safely.

# Avoid these high risk situations



① The **driver** of the approaching vehicle passes the stopped vehicle without thinking why the driver stopped. The **pedestrian** assumes, if one vehicle has stopped, the other will too.

② The **driver**, watching for a gap in oncoming traffic, does not see the pedestrian waiting to cross the street. The **pedestrian** assumes the driver will stop before the crosswalk.



③ The **driver** is intent on negotiating turns and does not check the crosswalk. The **pedestrian** assumes that he or she is visible to the driver and the driver will stop.

The City of Calgary, Calgary Police Service, The Calgary Health Region, the Alberta Motor Association and other traffic safety partners are working together to reduce the number and severity of vehicle-pedestrian collisions. Through education, enforcement and engineering strategies, these partners are striving to improve intersection safety in Calgary.



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the responsibility.

