

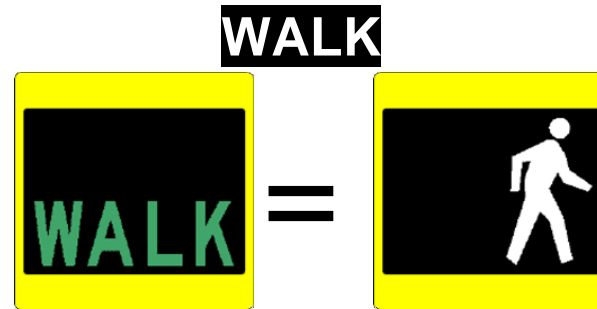
Traffic Law Highlights For Pedestrians

Many elderly pedestrian fatalities and injuries are caused by the way seniors cross the street and their misinterpretation of various traffic control devices such as pedestrian crossing signals. To improve the safety of both drivers and pedestrians, pedestrians are subject to traffic laws like drivers:

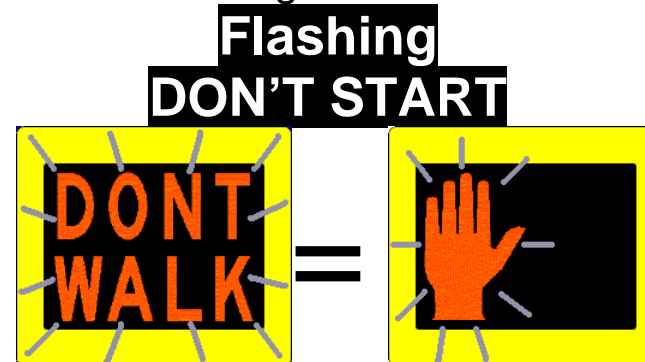
- You must obey any traffic control device unless otherwise directed by a police officer.
- You must always use the sidewalk when it is available.
- Walk on the shoulder or the LEFT side of the roadway FACING traffic when sidewalks are not available. This will allow you to see and monitor oncoming vehicles.
- When crossing the roadway at any point other than within a marked or unmarked crosswalk, you MUST YIELD the right-of-way to the vehicles already on the roadway.
- Always obey the pedestrian crossing signals.

What do the Pedestrian Signals Mean?

Wherever a pedestrian signal has a push button, you MUST push the button once to activate the pedestrian signal to have enough time to safely cross the street.



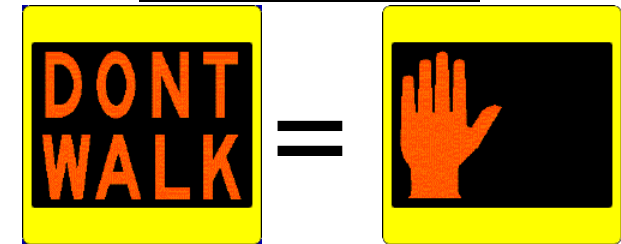
The WALK signal means it is your turn to cross the street. Before crossing, look left, right, and left again to ensure it is safe. Be sure to search for right and left turning vehicles.



The **flashing** DONT WALK means don't start crossing. If

you have already left the curb, you should complete crossing the street. Do not turn back.

Steady **DON'T WALK**



The **steady** DONT WALK means pedestrians are not permitted to cross. Push the pedestrian button if there is one and wait for the WALK signal.

TO SEE and **TO BE SEEN**

If a driver cannot clearly see a pedestrian, the likelihood of an accident increases. Make sure you dress in VISIBLE colors compared to your environment. For example, dress in light or bright colors at night. And, before you leave the curb, always LOOK for vehicles from all directions, particularly the turning vehicles.

Tips For Crossing the Roadway

Stop – Look - Listen

- **Always STOP at a safe spot visible by drivers.** Stay away from the sidewalk edge. Stay on the sidewalk until the road is clear of moving vehicles from all directions.
- **LOOK left, right, and left again before stepping off the sidewalk.** Extend and wave your arm to be visible. If you are crossing in front of a stopped vehicle, make sure that the driver sees you. Also, stop at the edge of the stopped vehicle and keep looking in all directions as you cross. Watch out for turning vehicles and cars passing the stopped vehicles.
- If you must walk behind a vehicle, make sure it is not backing up. **LISTEN for the sound of engines or check if the backup lights are on.** Take similar precautions when walking in a parking lot.

For more information:

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