



Tips for a Safe Pedestrian

1. Distracted walking is anything that takes your attention away from where you are looking. Cell phones, tablets and reading books can cause distractions.
2. Distracted walking is anything that takes your attention away from what you can hear. Talking on a cell phone or listening to music can cause distractions.
3. Look up, not down to avoid obstacles and other walkers.
4. Stay alert in parking lots and when on or near streets.
5. If you need to talk to someone by phone or text, stop and move out of the way of other walkers and traffic.
6. When at an intersection or crosswalk, give all of your attention to the crossing.
7. Watch for turning cars.

In 2015, 5,376 pedestrians were killed in pedestrian accidents in the United States.

Additionally, almost 129,000 pedestrians were treated in emergency rooms for non-fatal crash injuries



Tips for Sharing the Road with Pedestrians

1. Know where people are. It is up to the driver to be extra careful around schools zones, crosswalks and parking lots.
2. Slow down for crosswalks. Crosswalks can protect the driver by designating a safe area for pedestrians to cross, avoiding unexpected crossings.
3. Beware of the parking lot. A large percentage of pedestrian accidents occur in or around parking lots.
4. Consider driving conditions. Always adjust your speed according to the weather.
5. Leave your smart phone alone. Avoid the temptation of multitasking while behind the wheel and keep an eye out for distracted walkers.
6. Stay alert for pedestrians with special needs. Always keep an eye out for pedestrians that are at greater risk in crosswalk scenarios.

By following these tips, you can safely identify and avoid potential risky scenarios. As a general rule, always remember to yield the right of way to pedestrians when you are behind the wheel.