PEDESTRIAN FACTS

myth  A green light means that it is safe to cross.
FACT  A green light means that you should stop and search for cars. Before you step off the curb, look left-right-left for traffic, and if it is safe to do so, cross and keep looking left and right. Be alert for vehicles making a right turn on red.

myth  You are safe in a crosswalk.
FACT  You may cross at a crosswalk but before you do...stop at the curb and look left-right-left for cars. When it is clear, cross and keep looking left and right for cars.

myth  The driver will stop if you are in a crosswalk or at a green light.
FACT  The driver may not see you. The driver may run a traffic light illegally. The driver may turn without looking for pedestrians.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Make eye contact with the driver and ensure the vehicle is stopped before crossing.
Walk on the inside edge of the sidewalk away from the curb.
Stay away from the road edge or curb while waiting at an intersection to ensure you are well away from vehicles turning the corner or passing close by.
When crossing at a signalized crosswalk, a pedestrian light will indicate that you can cross the road. Always check to ensure vehicles have actually stopped. Never cross a street mid-block.
When possible, cross the street at a designated crosswalk. Always stop and look left-right-left again before crossing. If a parked vehicle is blocking the view of the street, stop at the edge of the vehicle and look around it before entering the street.

When crossing a multi-lane road, do not assume that when one vehicle stops the car in the next lane will also stop. Pedestrians must ensure that vehicles in each travel lane are stopped before they proceed across the road. Approaching vehicles often pass or go around a stopped car.

Remove at least one ear piece of your portable music player before crossing the street; you need to be able to hear any signs of danger.

Wear bright clothes in low-light conditions with additional reflective materials at dawn, dusk and night when vehicle lights are in use to ensure safety.

Fluorescent materials are not necessarily reflective. They are suitable for daytime but ineffective at night.

A reflective dangle tag that moves on a back pack or coat is better seen by a driver than a stationary piece of attached reflective material.

Increase visibility at night by carrying a flashlight when walking and by wearing retro-reflective clothing that helps to highlight body movements.

It is much safer to walk on a sidewalk, but if you must walk in the street, walk facing traffic.

Parking lots require special consideration. Vehicles often move without warning. Stay well back from cars in parking lots. Anticipate that vehicles may back out or move at any time.

It is crucial for parents to model safe pedestrian behaviors. Children will do what you do, so always ensure you make safe choices.

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