

# Safety Facts

Nearly **one thousand** Minnesotan pedestrians are injured each year.

Pedestrian accidents are **five times more likely** to result in fatalities than automotive accidents.

More than **90%** of pedestrian crashes happen in urban areas.

In **30% of fatalities**, pedestrians had a blood alcohol content of 0.10 or higher.

Young adults are the most likely group to be involved in a pedestrian crash.

Crashes happen year round, with nearly as many crashes in January as in June.

Source: Minnesota DPS Crash Facts 2009

# How To Help

We can all work together to make the neighborhood safer. Below are some ideas for ways to help.

Model good behavior. Don't cross against traffic lights or mid-block.

Respect pedestrian rights when driving.

Make yourself visible - get out and walk!

Work with the city. Let them know when you witness unsafe situations. If you witness unsafe or illegal behavior, please contact the St. Paul Police Department at 651-291-1111.

If you have ongoing concerns with a particular intersection or street, please contact the St. Paul Department of Public Works at 651-266-6200.

For more safety tips, visit [www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org](http://www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org).

For information about getting involved in the neighborhood, visit [www.summithillassociation.org](http://www.summithillassociation.org) and [www.grandave.com](http://www.grandave.com).

# Pedestrian Safety Awareness



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# Driver Safety Tips



Be a pedestrian-conscious driver!  
Remember these tips:

You must yield to a pedestrian who has entered a crosswalk, whether marked or unmarked. Only proceed once the pedestrian has completely crossed your lane. MN Statute 169.06

When stopping for a pedestrian, stop far enough back so that other vehicles can see the pedestrian.

Do not try to pass another car which is stopped for a pedestrian. MN Statute 169.21

In low-visibility situations, slow down and keep a look out.

When turning, always double check your surroundings.

Pay attention to “walk” signals on traffic lights, and yield to pedestrians.

You must stop when exiting an alley or driveway. MN Statute 169.31

Be extra careful around school buses. If the red lights are flashing, you must stop. MN Statute 169.444

Some pedestrians may need extra time to cross. Be patient.

# Pedestrian Safety Tips



Stay safe while you're out and about! Remember these tips:

Always cross in a crosswalk or at an intersection. It's the law! MN Statute 169.21

Don't assume a driver will stop. A driver may not see you, or may be unable to stop.

Watch all of the lanes you must cross.

Make it easy to be seen. Wear light colors or reflective materials when out at night.

Alcohol significantly increases your chances of being injured. Take a cab or bus if you've been drinking.

Cross quickly to minimize your time in traffic.

Make sure your intentions are clear, and only approach the curb when you're prepared to cross.

Remember, even if you've got the right-of-way, you can still get hit by a car. Watch out!

# Bicycle Safety Tips



Stay safe while you're out and about! Remember these tips:

Bicycles must follow the same rules as other vehicles. MN Statute 169.222

Ride in a predictable manner.

Always ride in the same direction as vehicle traffic. MN Statute 169.222

Always wear a helmet, even on short trips.

Never ride with headphones.

Your bicycle must have a headlight and rear reflectors for riding after dark. MN Statute 169.222

Never drink and ride. Alcohol use increases your chances of an accident.

Use hand signals so that motorists and pedestrians know what you intend to do.

Ride on the street, not the sidewalk - it's safer for you and safer for pedestrians.