

## Watch For Cars Backing Up

Parking lots can be really dangerous for pedestrians. Often drivers are so busy looking for a parking place they don't see you walking. Stay alert when walking at shopping centers, malls, at school, and when passing driveways.

Keep an eye out for cars backing up. Look for backup lights on the rear of the car. Listen for the sound of the engine.



## Make Signals Work For You

Being at a crosswalk doesn't always mean a driver will stop. Use the traffic lights, signs and signals to help you safely cross the street.

At corners with traffic signals and no pedestrian crossing lights, wait until the light turns green and look left, right, left, and over your shoulder.

Where there is a pedestrian signal, wait for the WALK signal lights up. Then look left, right, left and over your shoulder before stepping into the street. Extend your arm to alert drivers.

If the signal starts flashing "DON'T WALK" before you have reached the other side, continue walking. If you are at the curb, wait for the next WALK signal.

Of course, a steady "DON'T WALK" means just that. -- DON'T WALK. If you need to cross, push the button, and wait for a new WALK sign.

A WALK signal does not mean it is safe to cross. It means it is your turn to cross. Always be alert for drivers turning left on green, right on red and drivers running red lights.



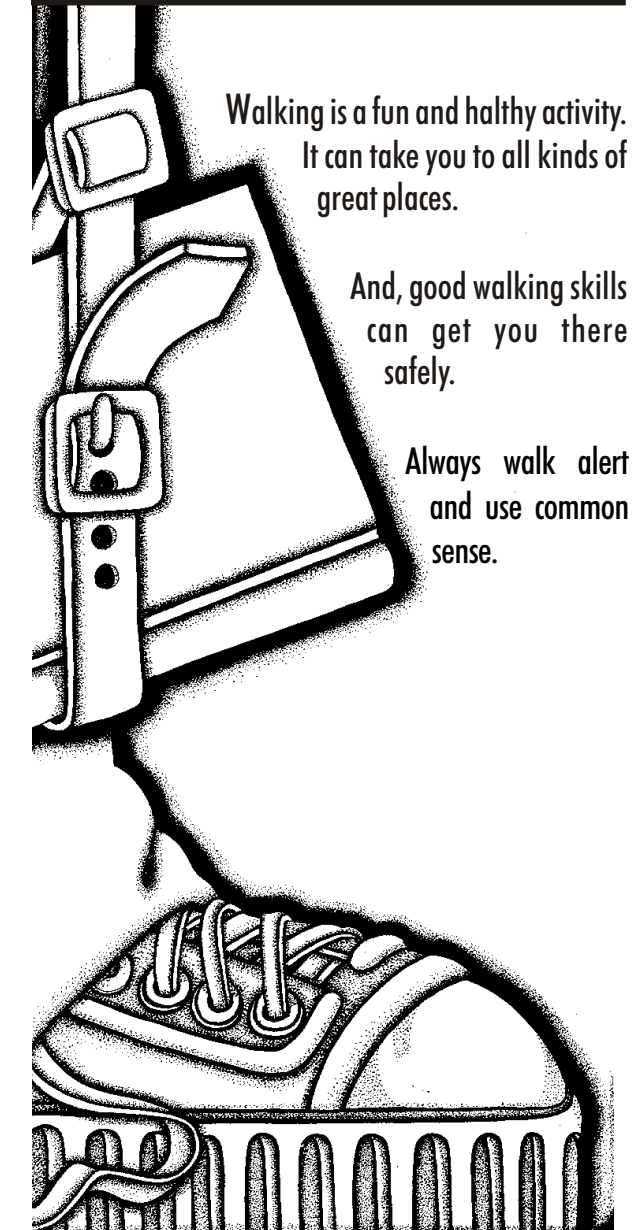
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# Walk Alert

Stop, Look Left-Right-Left



Walking is a fun and healthy activity. It can take you to all kinds of great places.

And, good walking skills can get you there safely.

Always walk alert and use common sense.

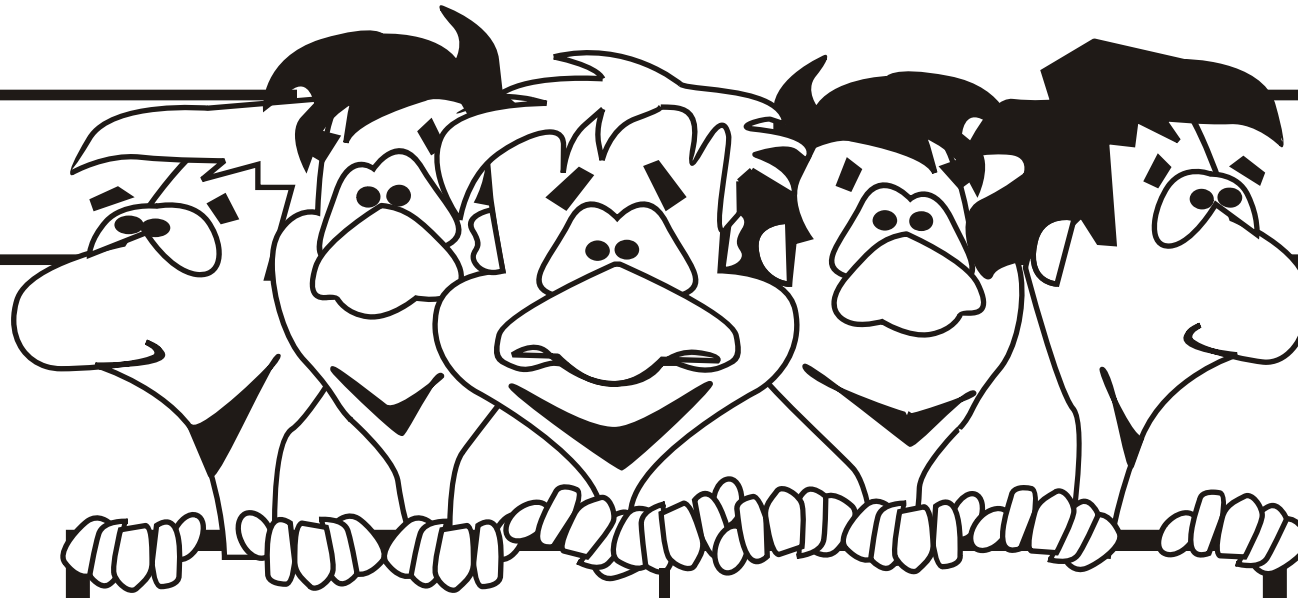
## Actions You Should Take

By law, drivers must yield the right of way to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. You must always walk alert.

Always cross a really busy street only at the intersection where drivers expect you to cross unless there is a midblock crosswalk.

On neighborhood streets, stop at the edge of the road and look left, right and left again for oncoming cars.

On a road with no sidewalks, always walk on the left side facing the oncoming traffic and keep as far left as possible.



### Seeing

Make eye contact with the driver, and be sure to stop before you cross in front of a car. Don't assume a driver will see you.

When crossing at midblock, stop at the edge of the road before stepping out into the street. Wait for a gap in traffic long enough for you to cross.

Look left, then right, and left again. Keep on looking for oncoming cars as you cross the street because cars may not be looking for someone crossing the street at midblock.

If your view is blocked by a parked or stopped car or something else like a bus or even a mailbox, walk to the edge where you can see around it and look for any cars that may be coming. Search left - right - left



### Being Seen

During the day, always wear something bright or contrasting to help drivers see you.

After dark, wear something retro-reflective when walking in or near traffic.

This retro-reflective material shines right back at the drivers' headlights making it easier for them to see you.

## Intersections

Stop at the corner and look left, right, left and over your shoulder for turning cars. Keep on looking for cars as you cross the street.

Stay within the crosswalk and walk straight across the street. Don't run (you may trip and fall). Always watch out for turning cars.

