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HOLD A HAND  
WALK DON'T RUN



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## WHEN YOU ARE WALKING

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**Be predictable.** Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.

**Walk on the sidewalk.** If there is no sidewalk and you have to walk on the road, walk facing traffic. Always walk as far from traffic as possible.

**Cross at the corner.** Cross at crosswalks or intersections wherever possible. This is where drivers expect to see pedestrians.

**Stop and look left-right-left.** Before crossing the street, pause, then look left-right-then left again until no cars are coming.

**Make eye contact.** Never assume drivers see you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach you and make sure you are seen.

**Keep your eyes up, ears open, and off your phone.** Don't talk/text or listen to music when crossing the street.

**Be safe. Be seen.** Wear bright clothing during the day. At night, wear reflective material or carry a light. This will caution drivers to be careful because they can see someone walking ahead.

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## WHEN YOU ARE DRIVING

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**Drive alert.** Look for pedestrians – expect to see them at corners and marked crossings. Stop for them when they cross the street.

**Slow down.** The faster you're going, the longer it takes to react and brake. Slow down when you're in an area where pedestrians are likely to be.

**Never pass a car stopped for pedestrians** – it's against the law, and it's highly dangerous for those crossing the street. Never pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing that you can't see.

**Be extra cautious when backing up** – pedestrians can walk into your path.

**Avoid distractions.** The call/text/tweet can wait. Don't let your phone or anything else distract you from focusing on the road and those around you.

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WHEN YOU ARE WALKING OR DRIVING-AVOID ALCOHOL AND DRUGS.  
FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS,  
DON'T IMPAIR YOUR JUDGMENT.

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