

WALK THIS WAY – FAST FACTS



Did you know? In Boston, over 3 pedestrians are injured every day.

FAST FACTS FOR PEDESTRIANS

- Use the crosswalk. It is the safest place to cross the street.
- Check for traffic in all directions before stepping into the crosswalk.
- If you're at a crosswalk with a traffic light, push the button and wait for the Walk signal.
- If you're at a crosswalk without a traffic light, you have the right of way. Make sure approaching drivers see you and come to a complete stop before you cross.
- Use sidewalks whenever available. On roads without sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.
- Wear bright colors when walking at dusk or after dark.
- Watch for cars backing out of parking spaces and driveways.
- The fine for jaywalking in the city of Boston is \$1.

FAST FACTS FOR DRIVERS

- Pedestrians have the right of way in crosswalks without traffic signals. Failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk in Boston is punishable by a fine of \$200.
- Drivers should always yield to pedestrians on turns.
- Special challenges arise when children and elderly cross the streets, such as visual limitations, increased distractions and slower pace.
- Always watch for pedestrians when backing out of parking spaces and driveways.
- Yield to school buses when the flashing stop sign is displayed – it signals that children are crossing the street. Also, be on alert when driving past school zones, playgrounds and ice cream trucks.
- Take your time. Speeding and reckless driving are factors in nearly 23% of motor vehicle crashes, and doesn't usually save you much time in the long run. Slow down - it will greatly reduce your chances of getting into a motor vehicle crash.