Pedestrian Safety Tips

Cross Only At Designated Crosswalks
Entering into the street between parked vehicles and at locations that do not have crosswalk markings, puts you at great risk as drivers may not see you entering into the street.

When crossing the street at a designated crosswalk or intersection remember, the vehicle has the right-of-way. See R.I. General Law, Chapter 31-18.

Look In Both Directions Before Crossing The Street
Don’t ever assume that a vehicle will stop at a stop sign. Always look to ensure it is safe to cross the street and that there are no vehicles approaching.

Always Walk Facing Oncoming Traffic
It is safer to walk with a clear view of oncoming traffic, especially when you are walking along streets that do not have sidewalks.

When you are able to see clearly, it will be easier to react and move to safety if necessary.

Wear Reflective Material At Night
When walking, or jogging at night, always wear reflective material (hat, vest, etc.) so that you are visible to drivers.

Increasing your visibility maximizes your safety on the road.

Always Pay Attention To and Obey Traffic Signals
Pay attention to traffic lights and signals at crosswalks. Traffic flow is predictable at these locations and it is important that you not cross the street when the flow of traffic is steady.

Never try to dart through traffic as vehicle operators travel at different speeds. Your judgment as to how fast a vehicle may actually be going may not always be accurate.

Walk Safely and Responsibly!

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