



Share the road with all other users, no matter what type of transportation you choose to use. Car drivers should use extra caution while driving near pedestrians and bicyclists.

### Safety Tips for Walkers

- **Walk on the sidewalk.** Always use sidewalks when available. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left facing oncoming traffic.
- **Look before you cross.** Look left, right, and left again before crossing a street.
- **Use the crosswalk and obey traffic signals.** Always cross at corners or at a marked crosswalk, where drivers expect you.
- **Make eye contact.** Don't assume drivers see you. Make eye contact with drivers before stepping off the sidewalk.
- **Be alert and avoid distractions.** Look for cars from all directions before entering the street - including from behind you.
- **Be visible at all times.** Wear bright or light-colored clothing, especially when it's dark and visibility is poor. Carry a flashlight with you. Wear reflective apparel such as vests, bands, or shoes to help drivers see you.

### Safety Tips for Bicyclists

- **Wear your helmet.** It's the law for children and youth under 18. Helmets should fit snug and level on your head above your eyebrows. Always buckle your helmet under your chin.
- **Be predictable.** Obey all stop signs and traffic signals. Ride on the right, in the same direction as traffic. Follow the same rules of the road as car drivers.
- **Be visible.** Wear bright clothing, use a headlight (white), and taillight (red).
- **Be alert.** Watch out for drivers turning left or right, or coming out of driveways. Avoid the door zone from parked cars. Yield to pedestrians.
- **Share the path.** Pedestrians have the right of way on walkways and paths. Give an audible warning when you pass on your bicycle. Keep to the right and pass on the left.

### Safety Tips for Drivers

- **Obey all traffic laws.** Always follow the speed limits.
- **Stay alert and avoid distractions!** Scan the road and sides of road for pedestrians and bicyclists. Stay off your phone. Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- **Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists in crosswalks and intersections!** Pedestrians and bicyclists have the right-of-way when entering or occupying the crosswalk. Slow down as you approach a crosswalk or intersection to avoid a crash.

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### Safety Tips for Drivers, Continued

- **Bike lanes are for bicyclists.** Never block or park in a bike lane.
- **Bicyclists are motorists too!** They have the same right to be in the center of most road lanes, especially if there is a sharrow symbol.
- **Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk or intersection.** There may be people crossing that you cannot see.
- **Look out for bicyclists.** Look over your shoulder for bicyclists when opening your door while parallel parked.
- **Pass bicyclists at a safe distance.** Passing cyclists too closely is dangerous and illegal. The driver must allow at least three feet when passing a bicyclist - a distance mandated by state law.
- **Be cautious when backing up.** Pedestrians and bicyclists can move into your path.

### Safety Tips for Transit Riders

- **Don't run to catch a bus or train.** Running to catch a bus or train can be dangerous, especially if the operator is pulling out of the stop or station.
- **Walk your bike or skateboard.** Walk your bike or skateboard while on the train platform.
- **Safely load and unload your bike.** To load your bike, stay on the curb until the bus comes to a complete stop. To unload your bike, exit from the front of the bus and remind the operator that you have to remove your bike.
- For more information on transit safety, visit the website of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) at: <http://www.vta.org/safety>.



**Be Safe!** Avoid texting, phone calls, or other distractions while walking, biking, and driving.

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