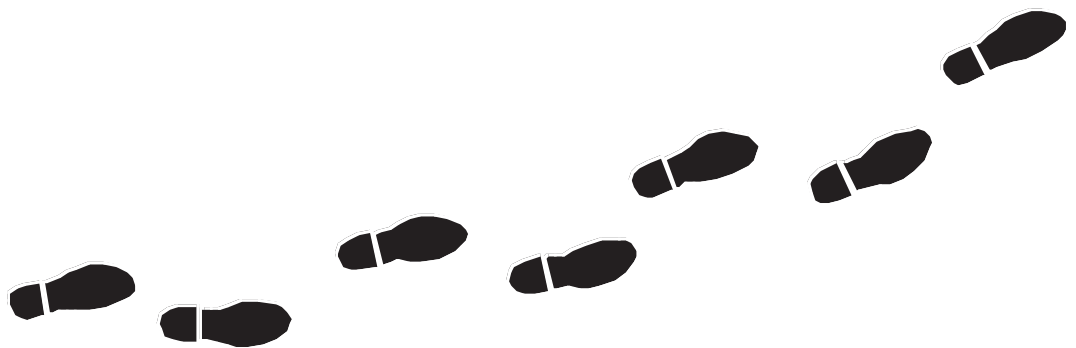




By Foot

What every 4th – 8th grader should know about pedestrian safety



Now that you are older and get out more alone without adult supervision, it can be more dangerous than you think just to get across some of the busiest streets. Here are some reminders to help assist you when crossing the streets, so that you are not injured or possibly killed when out walking.



Three Key Steps To Be A Safe Pedestrian



BE ALERT

- Always stop at the curb
- Always look **left-right-left** before entering the area of the roadway in which cars travel
- If a car is coming, wait until it passes and look **left-right-left** all over again.
- Continue looking until you have crossed the street.
- Watch out for cars backing up and turning, make sure drivers see you.



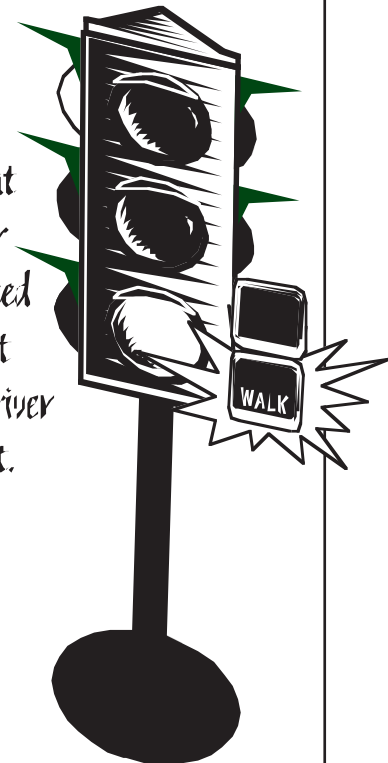
BE CAREFUL

- Obey signs and signals. (Push button for walk signal, No Pedestrian crossing, and "Walk" and "Don't walk" signal)
- In rain or snow, allow extra time to cross the street.
- Don't run out from between parked cars.
- Use extra caution when playing near the street.
- Walk across the streets. This will give you time to look around to see if it is safe for you to cross.



BE SEEN

- Make eye contact with the driver who is turning, by looking him or her in the eye to determine if they are looking at you and if it is safe to continue to walk across the street. If there is any doubt in your mind that the driver will proceed first, wait for the driver to go first.



The Facts About Traffic Signals

Right Turn On Red

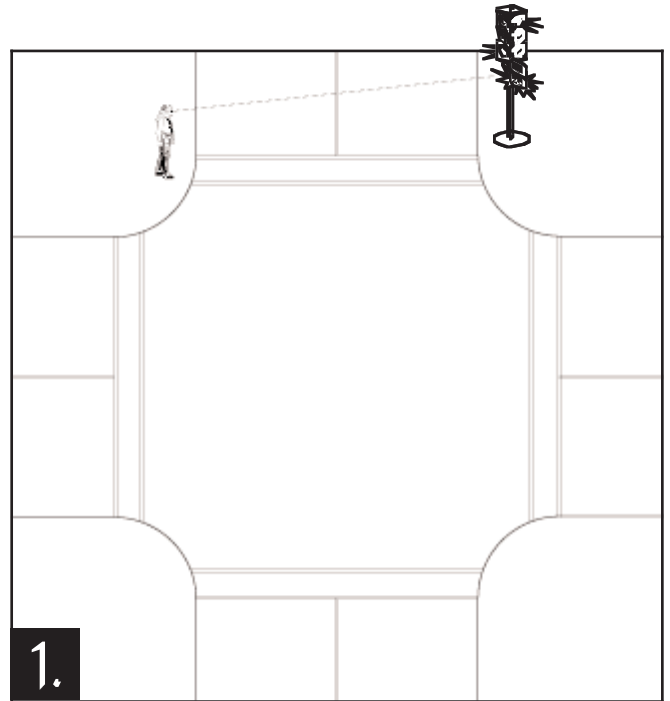
Things To Check When Crossing With A "WALK" Sign



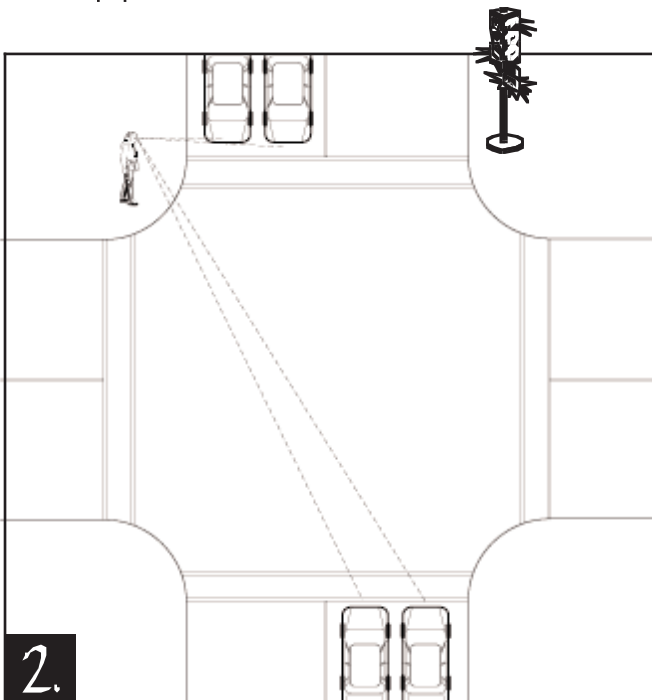
The 'WALK' signal means that it is your turn to start crossing. If you start now, you should be able to finish crossing before the steady "DON'T WALK" comes on.

The flashing "DON'T WALK" means don't start crossing, but if you are in the roadway, keep crossing to the other side.

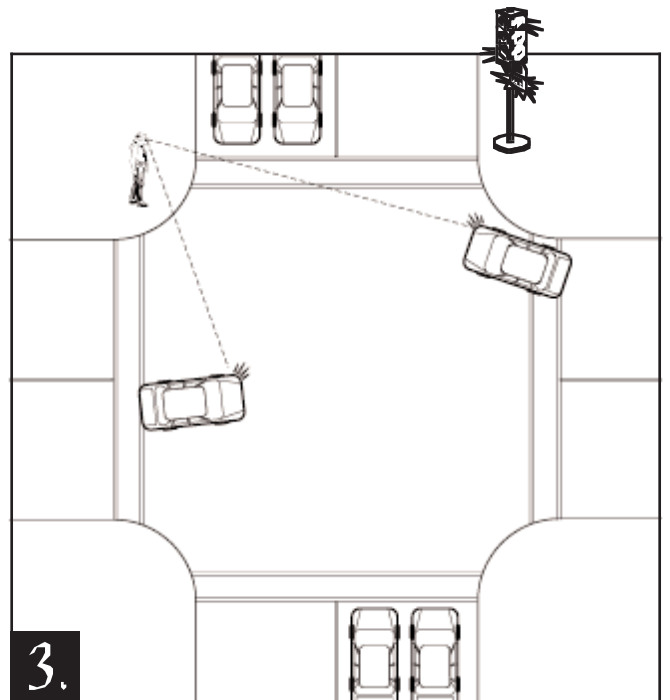
The steady "DON'T WALK" means don't start — wait for the next signal.



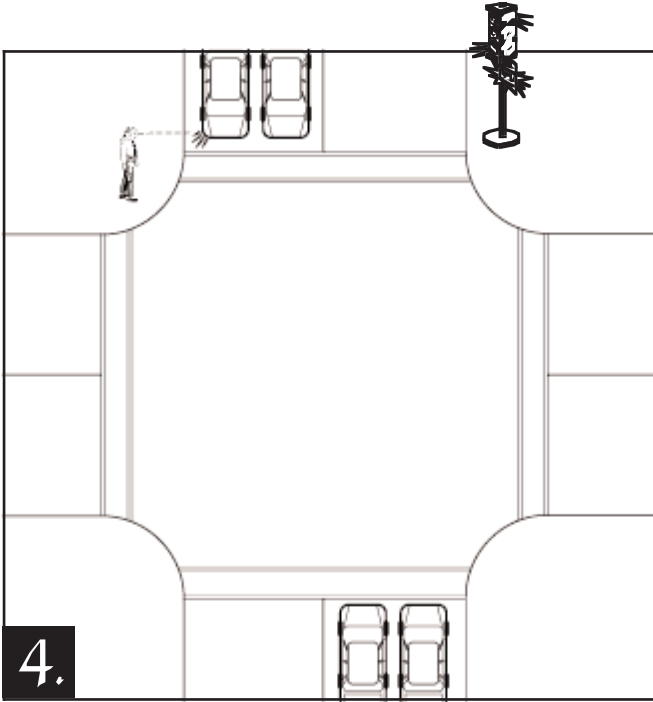
Wait for the WALK sign.



Make sure that all cars stop for the red light.

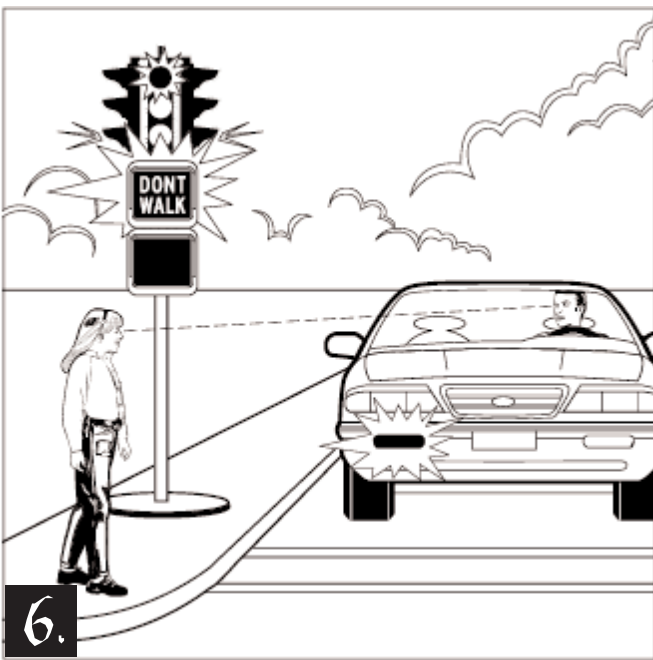


Check for cars that are turning in front of or behind you.



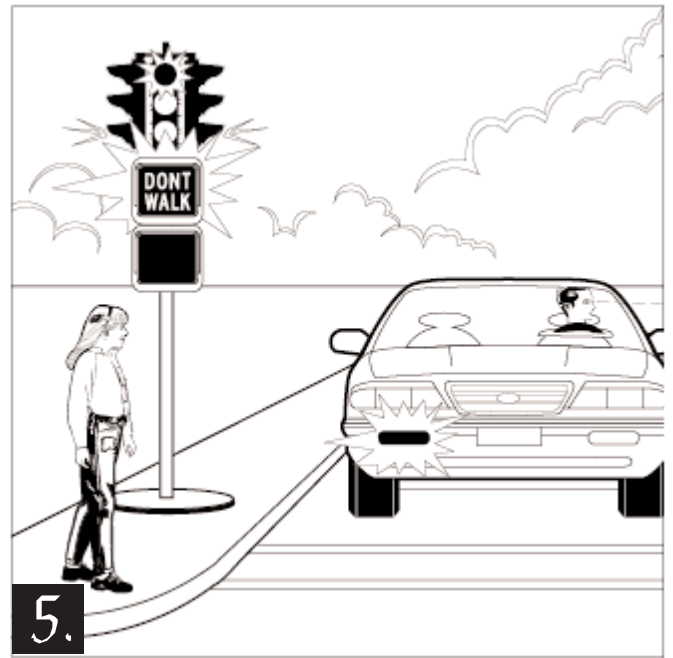
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Check for cars that may be turning RIGHT through the red light



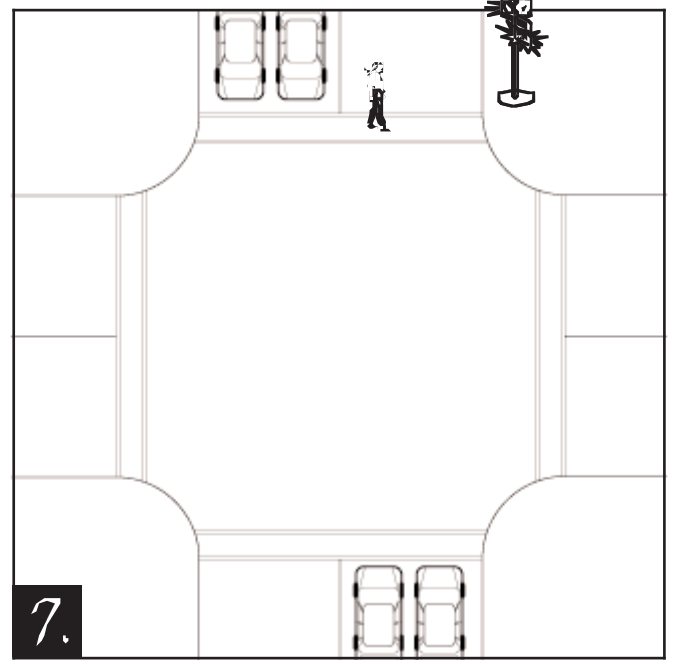
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Make sure that all cars stop for the red light.



6.

A driver wanting to turn RIGHT through a red light may be looking to his left for oncoming traffic and may not see you.



7.

Check for cars that are turning in front of or behind you as you walk.

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**PUSH
BUTTON
FOR
WALK
SIGNAL**



What does this sign mean?


This sign tells you that if you want enough time to cross the street safely, you need to push the button

What does the push button do?

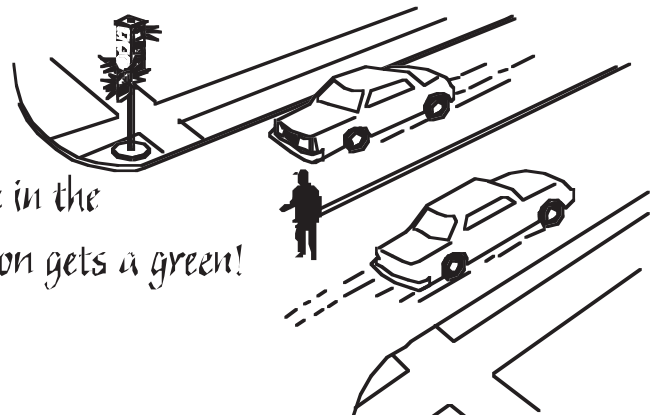
By pushing the push button it tells the traffic signal controller (it's like a computer) that you are there and want to cross the street.

What if you don't push the button?



You'll never get a "WALK" /  sign no matter how long you wait.

If you start to cross, without pushing the button and without the "WALK" light, even if you start on a new green light you'll still be in the roadway when the traffic for the other direction gets a green!
YOU'LL BE CAUGHT IN TRAFFIC.



Well, what does pushing the button do?

It's telling the traffic signal controller (it's like a computer) that you are there and want to cross the street.



DAT-TA
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Oh, Oh, someone's here!
They want to walk
across the street


The controller then
changes the amount of
time that each street
gets to allow you time to
cross the whole street.



I'll give this much time
to this street and this
much to this one

It will also give you a "WALK" signal
the next time the signal changes




Flip the "WALK"/ sign...
-switch-

Your job is waiting after you push the button. The signal will change! It won't change as soon as you push the button, because that would really tie up traffic if person after person came and pushed the button. Traffic would never have a chance to go! Pushing the button will give both you and cars a turn.



When the WALK sign comes on:

1. Make sure all traffic stops before stepping out.
2. Look for turning cars.
3. Look for cars turning right-on-red.
4. Walk, don't run, across the street and keep looking for turning cars.
5. While you are crossing, the "DON'T WALK" light will start to flash to tell others not to start crossing. If you are in the street keep walking until you make it to the other side.
6. You should make it all the way to the curb before the steady "DON'T WALK"/ comes on.



Green... Yellow... Red
Green... Yellow... Red
Green... Yellow... Red

And the traffic controller? It goes back to directing vehicular traffic until someone pushes the button again.

TEST YOUR PEDESTRIAN KNOWLEDGE

- 1** Can you have a situation where a "walk" light comes on with a red light and a steady "don't" walk light comes on with a green light?
- A.** Yes
 - B.** No
- 2** Why should you wait until a bus leaves before crossing the streets?
- A.** So drivers can see you crossing.
 - B.** You have more visibility to see cars that may be coming in your direction.
 - C.** So drivers can see you.
 - D.** All the above.
- 3** Why should you set a good example for younger students when crossing the streets?
- A.** Younger children look up to older children.
 - B.** Younger children imitate older students.
 - C.** Your skills and knowledge are more advanced than younger children.
 - D.** All the above.
- 4** Why is it important to make eye contact with the driver before crossing the streets?
- A.** This is a sure way to know the driver sees you, and that both of you can determine who will proceed first.
 - B.** The driver has many blind spots while driving a car and the blind spots decrease his/her visibility to see kids crossing the streets.
 - C.** Both of the above.
- 5** Which of the following show that drivers make mistakes you have to watch out for them?
- A.** Cars with dents.
 - B.** Cars going through stop signs.
 - C.** Accidents.
 - D.** All of the above.
- 6** Running into the street is the most common type of child pedestrian accident. Why?
- A.** Cars can run onto the sidewalk hitting children running.
 - B.** Running into the street is the only type of pedestrian crash.
 - C.** When a child runs out into the road a car's stopping distance is shorter not giving the driver enough time to see and avoid hitting the child.
- 7** Where do drivers expect to see kids crossing?
- A.** At corners.
 - B.** Mid-block.
 - C.** Behind parked cars.
- 8** Most kids are hit when:
- A.** Crossing mid-block.
 - B.** During non-school hours.
 - C.** When they run into the street.
 - D.** All the above.
- 9** Why do you look left twice before crossing?
- A.** For cars that are turning left.
 - B.** To exercise your neck.
 - C.** For cars that are turning right, and cars that may suddenly be coming towards you in your direction.
 - D.** You will be stepping into the lane of traffic coming from your left when entering the roadway, unless it is a one way street.

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