

Effective **June 1, 2008**, the province has amended the Motor Vehicle Act to clarify the roles and responsibilities of motorists and pedestrians.

CROSSWALK SAFETY

...It's Everyone's Responsibility
Motorists and Pedestrians Share the Road

Follow these tips to help ensure crosswalk safety:

Pedestrians

- Use marked crosswalks, when available.
- Obey pedestrian traffic signs.
- Make eye contact with motorists before crossing the street to ensure they see you.
- Check for approaching or turning traffic, even when you have a "Walk" signal or crossing light.
- When walking on the sidewalk or the shoulder of a road, watch for traffic entering or leaving driveways.
- Give approaching vehicles time to stop before you enter the roadway—allow extra time and distance in bad weather.
- Wear bright-coloured clothing or reflective strips when walking at night.
- Push the pedestrian button to cross, when available.
- Wait to cross if the "Don't Walk" signal is flashing or solid.
- Treat pedestrian countdown signals like "Don't Walk" signals—if it is flashing, do not enter the crosswalk.
- Yield to vehicles when crossing at a location other than a crosswalk—crosswalks exist at every intersection whether marked or unmarked.

Motorists

- Yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk or showing intent to cross—crosswalks exist at every intersection whether marked or unmarked.
- Be alert for pedestrians who appear indecisive or inattentive.
- Do not pass slowed or stopped vehicles in the lane next to yours until you are sure no pedestrians are crossing.
- Take extra care when driving at night or in bad weather—pedestrians can be hard to see.
- Slow down and take extra care on residential streets and through school zones.
- Take extra care when you see children—their actions may be unpredictable.
- Be alert to bicyclists and skateboarders who may approach a crosswalk much quicker than pedestrians.

Bicyclists

- Yield to pedestrians.
- Obey traffic signs and laws for vehicles when you are riding your bike.
- Walk your bike when you are in a crosswalk or on a sidewalk—you are only a pedestrian when walking your bike.