



**BE SAFE
BE SEEN**

STOP, LOOK AND WAVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Ridgewood Public Schools, Federated Home and School Association and the Village of Ridgewood wants to keep pedestrians safe.

STOP-LOOK-WAVE - BE SAFE-BE SEEN is a campaign designed to keep everyone safe by reminding drivers and pedestrians to look out for each other. Please read and follow the tips below.

PEDESTRIANS

STOP – Stop at the corner before you cross. Never cross mid-block. Cross at an intersection. Every intersection is a legal crosswalk, even if it is not painted.

LOOK - Put away any devices and look left, right and left again. Be sure to look behind you for any vehicles that might be approaching (75% of pedestrian crashes involve left turning vehicles). Listen for any sounds coming from vehicles that might not be in your view.

WAVE – Make eye contact and wave at drivers in or near the intersection. Wait for them to wave back and/or make eye contact before you begin to cross the street. Continue to look left, right and left again while crossing.

DRIVERS

STOP - Stop if you see a pedestrian at an intersection. Every intersection is a legal crosswalk, even if it is not marked. Once a pedestrian steps into the intersection, they have the right of way.

LOOK - Look for pedestrians as you approach intersections. Be especially careful if you are turning left. Left turning drivers account for 75% of all pedestrian crashes. 5 MPH is a safe turning speed.

WAVE – Wave to pedestrians to acknowledge that you see them and that you will wait for them to cross. Proceed after making sure that no other pedestrians have entered the crosswalk.

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- Wear colorful, reflective clothing to be more visible to drivers.
- Always walk on the sidewalk.
- Watch for vehicles backing out of driveways and parking lots.
- Do not be distracted. Phones and headphones should not be used while walking.
- While driving, avoid using your phone, even with Bluetooth. Handsfree is not risk-free.

LINKS TO SAFETY INFORMATION FOR PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS AND DRIVERS

[YouTube videos on skills for safe walking ages 5 - 18](#)
[Distracted Driving Information - Handsfree is Not Risk Free Infographic](#)
[Distracted Driving YouTube Video - Handsfree is not risk free](#)
[Teaching Children to Walk Safely as they Grow and Develop](#)
[YouTube videos on Skills for Safe Bicycling Ages 5 - 18](#)