



New Mexico DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION



Safety Tips

Pedestrian Awareness:

1. Always look for Cars.
 - * Drivers are supposed to obey the rules and watch for people walking, but they sometime don't see you.
2. Chose the safety routes to walk with the fewest and safety streets to cross. Avoid crossing busy or high –speed roads whenever possible.
3. Walk along the street safely. This Means:
 - * Use Sidewalks or Paths
 - * If there are NO sidewalks or paths, walk as far from the cars as possible and face traffic
 - * Watch for cars turning or pulling out of driveways.
4. Cross at signalized intersections whenever possible.
 - *Obey traffic signs and signals
 - *Remember that just because it is your turn to cross does not mean that it is safe to cross do not trust that cars will obey the rules or they turning cars will see you.
 - * Look for yourself to see if cars are coming. Look left, right and left and then behind you and in front of you for turning cars.
 - *Walk, don't run across the street
5. If you must cross the street at mid block:
 - * Stop at the curb and look left, right and left again for traffic.
 - * Wait until no traffic is coming and begin crossing. Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.
6. If you must cross between parked cars:
 - * Stop at the curb and check to see if the cars are running or if anyone is in the driver seat.
 - * If safe, cross to the edge of the parked cars, and look left, right and left again before crossing.

