

Pedestrian and motorist safety on campus

Interactions between pedestrians and motorists occur every day on campus. For the safety of everyone, take extra precautions to ensure that roads, walkways and crosswalks are safe for travel.

MOTORISTS

Motorists speeding

- Don't exceed the posted speed signs (40km/h or less). Speeds have been set with pedestrian safety in mind.
- Drive appropriately for the weather conditions. When roads are wet or snow-covered, traction and braking capabilities can be diminished.
- Pay close attention around Walker Sports Complex – there is steady pedestrian traffic in this area.

Vehicles stopping in no-stop zones

- Don't stop on roadways. When drivers stop on roadways, it creates a hazard and reduces visibility for pedestrians and motorists travelling around stopped vehicles.
- Use the designated drop-off and pick-up area, or pull into a parking space. Stopping can create traffic jams and collisions.

Distracted drivers

- Don't text or talk on your cellphone while driving; use approved Bluetooth hands-free devices. Using a cellphone while operating a vehicle is against the law and can have life-changing consequences.

Give pedestrians the right of way

- Adhere to road signs and crosswalks and always give pedestrians the right of way. A best practice is to always make eye contact with pedestrians at crosswalks.

Parking

- Reduce your speed in parking lots and be careful when pulling in or out of parking spaces and at the end of aisles. Be aware of other motorists and pedestrians.

Driving at night

- At night, visibility is reduced and pedestrians wearing dark clothing may be less noticeable. Be alert and watch for pedestrians.

PEDESTRIANS

Distracted pedestrians

- Don't text or talk on your cellphone while crossing roadways at crosswalks.
- Be aware of your surroundings and always look before crossing.

Use designated crosswalks

- Only cross roadways at designated crosswalks. Crosswalks are well-marked and most have stop signs so that pedestrians can cross safely.
- Look up and ensure the driver has seen you before you walk. It is a best practice to make eye contact with motorists prior to crossing.
- Be responsible for your own safety.

Pedestrians not obeying crosswalk signals

- When crossing major roadways, only cross using the crosswalk and obey traffic signals.

Walking at night

- Motorist visibility is reduced at night, so pay attention when crossing roadways. Dark-coloured clothing is less visible to motorists; instead, wear bright or light-coloured clothing.

