



What you need to know about crossing the street

Crossing the street is something you probably do every day. Here's some information you should know about pedestrian lights before you take your next step off the curb.

Why doesn't the 'walk' light always come on automatically when the light turns green?

To reduce delays in traffic, pedestrian walk lights are sometimes displayed only when pedestrians are present. If you are at an intersection with a pedestrian push-button, please push it to prompt the walk light. This will ensure adequate time to safely cross the street.

I only get a few steps away from the curb when the 'walk' light goes off. Why is it so short?

The 'walk' light is only intended to show pedestrians when it is safe to begin crossing. There will be enough time to finish crossing during the 'flashing don't walk'. You can think of the 'walk' light as a green light, the 'flashing don't walk' as a yellow light, and the 'solid don't walk' as a red light for pedestrians.

What about turning vehicles?

Remember to watch for turning vehicles while crossing. While drivers yield to oncoming cars, they might not see a pedestrian in the crosswalk.

How to read the signs:



For walk signal, press button

Push the button. Wait for the 'walk' signal.



Steady Walk Symbol

OK to begin crossing.



Flashing Don't Walk Symbol

Don't start crossing. If you've already started, there will be enough time to finish crossing the street at a normal pace.



Steady Don't Walk Symbol

Clear the Crosswalk. Conflicting vehicle traffic is about to start and pedestrians should not be in the crosswalk.



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