

TENNESSEE PEDESTRIAN LAWS

- TCA 55-8-133 Pedestrians Subject to Traffic Regulations
- TCA 55-8-134 Pedestrian's Right - of - Way in Crosswalks
- TCA 55-8-135 Crossing at Other Than Crosswalks
- TCA 55-8-136 Drivers to Exercise Due Care
- TCA 55-8-137 Pedestrians to Use the Right Half of Crosswalks
- TCA 55-8-138 Pedestrians on Roadways
- TCA 55-8-110 Traffic - Control Signals
- TCA 55-8-111 Pedestrian - Control Signals
- TCA 55-8-180 Pedestrians Led By Guide Dog or Carrying Identifying Cane Given Right of Way - Penalty

For more information about Tennessee's Laws, visit trafficsafety.org and click on the Laws tab.

Produced by the TN Traffic Safety Resource Services, UT Center for Transportation Research with grant funds from the Governor's Highway Safety Office and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at \$0.35 per copy for 10,000. Approval number: R01-1313-157-002-11. July 2010.



W

alking is very cool – it's free, it's great exercise, and you can do it to get almost anywhere. You can visit your friends, travel to school, the movies, shopping, worship, museums, or sporting events.

What's not cool is when young people are killed or injured while walking. So here are some important things to remember so you stay safe and healthy.

Safety tips for crossing the street:

- ❖ **Stop** at the curb or the edge of the road if there is no curb.
- ❖ **Stop and look** left, then right, then left again for moving cars before you step into the street.
- ❖ **If you see a car, wait** until it goes by. Then look left, right, left again until no cars are coming.
- ❖ **If a car is parked** where you are crossing, look to make sure there is no driver and that the car is not running.
- ❖ Next, go to the edge of the car and **look left-right-left** to see if cars are coming.
- ❖ **When no cars are coming, Walk** — do not run — across the road. Keep looking left-right-left for cars while you are crossing.



Things to remember when walking:

- ❖ **Always walk on the sidewalk.** Walk on the sidewalk if there is one.
- ❖ **If no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.** If there is no sidewalk and you have to walk on the road, be sure to walk facing traffic.
- ❖ **Be safe. Be seen.** Brightly colored clothing makes it easier for drivers to see you during the daytime. But at night, you need to have a flashlight or wear special reflective material on your shoes, cap, and jacket or on your arms or legs that bounce the car's lights off you and back to the driver. This light should caution the driver that there is something or someone moving and they should slow down and be careful.



D

arting out in front of a parked car is dangerous. The driver of the car coming down the street can't see you.

DON'T DART OUT!