



WALK WISE, DRIVE SMART

Stepping Up to a More Walkable Hendersonville

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Be AWARE

Pedestrians:

- Do not assume that drivers can stop.
- Look across all lanes you must cross.
- Even though one vehicle has stopped, another may pass in a different lane.

Drivers:

- Be attentive when entering a crosswalk area.
- Drive slowly. Be prepared to stop.
- Do not overtake and pass other vehicles stopped for pedestrians on your side of the roadway.

Be SAFE

Pedestrians:

- Cross the street between the lines within the crosswalk (if marked) or from one corner to another if not marked.

Drivers:

- Yield to pedestrians crossing in marked crosswalks or at intersections. Failure to yield to a pedestrian in a marked or unmarked crosswalk at or near an intersection is a violation of North Carolina law. Remember that there is a crosswalk at every corner, marked or not!
- Reduce both stress and risk with a wide margin for error. Yield well before the painted stop line or 30 feet before the crosswalk.
- Take great care in pulling out or entering driveways.

Be CONSIDERATE

Pedestrians:

- Establish eye contact with drivers before crossing.
- Do not enter the crosswalk suddenly.
- Wave or thank drivers who yield.

Drivers:

- Keep in mind the special needs of some pedestrians. We have walkers of all ages. Some have baby strollers, canes or walkers, while others may be in wheelchairs. Some may take longer than others to cross the street.
- Park in a responsible way. Avoid parking on sidewalks or blocking crosswalks or ramps.

Walk Wise, Drive Smart is a neighborhood-based, senior-pedestrian-friendly initiative within Hendersonville, NC, and the surrounding areas. Building upon established community relationships and based on community input, the program aims to create more pedestrian-friendly environments for senior adults that can be replicated in similar settings in North Carolina and beyond.