

Pedestrian Safety

Steps to staying safe as a pedestrian



Keeping Mesa streets safe



Recent trends highlight a strong desire for communities to be pedestrian-friendly, and the City of Mesa is continuously working on creating enhanced pedestrian pathways to provide safe connections for residents to travel through the city on foot. However, across the country, 65,000 pedestrians are injured in roadway crashes annually.

SAFETY TIPS

- Check for traffic before entering the crosswalk
- Make eye contact with drivers
- Do not start to cross until all traffic has stopped
- Cross where there are traffic signals whenever possible
- At the signal, start crossing only when the “walk” signal is displayed
- Be aware around driveways and keep an eye out for cars backing up
- Never cross the street in front of a bus
- Never stop within the roadway
- At night wear brightly colored or reflective clothing



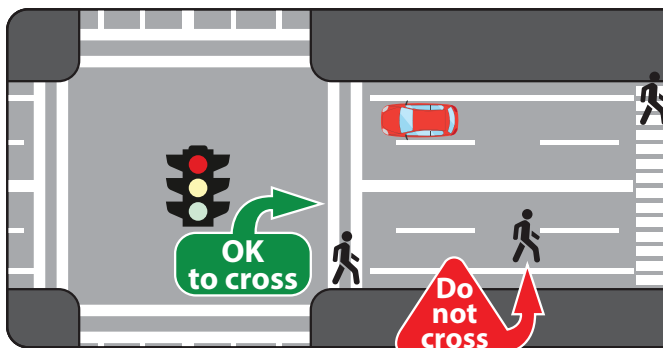
CROSSWALKS

Crosswalks are the safest place for pedestrians to cross a street. While pedestrians do have the right-of-way when walking through a crosswalk, they still must remain alert and cross with caution.

Drivers must stop and remain stopped for pedestrians until they have cleared the half of the street on which the driver is traveling. Crosswalks painted yellow indicate drivers must remain stopped for pedestrians until they have cleared the entire roadway.

Crosswalks exist at every street intersection, even if you don't see one painted on the street. Unmarked crosswalks can also be indicated by wheelchair ramps built into the sidewalk.

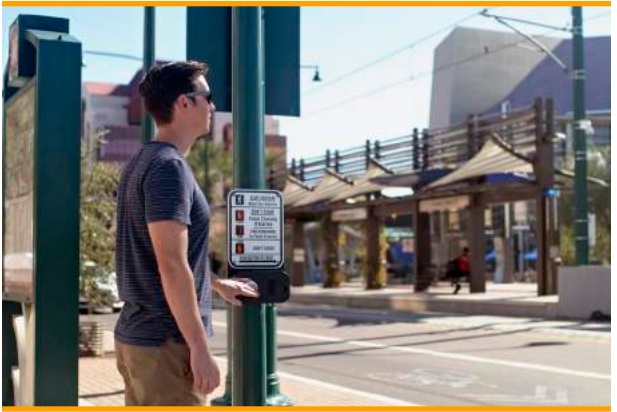
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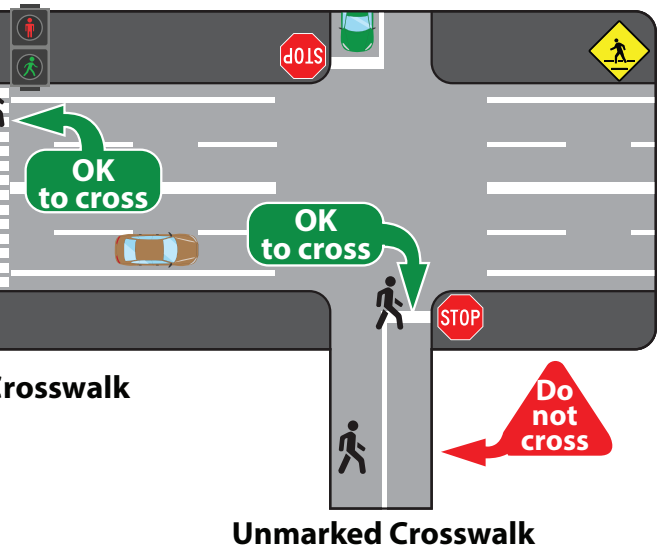
Marked Crosswalks

Midblock Crosswalks

Mesa is dedicated to making pedestrian travel easy for everyone, including pedestrians with visual and/or hearing impairment. At many intersections throughout the city, accessible pedestrian signals (APS) can be found. These signals produce a percussive tone, spoken message and vibration to alert pedestrians that the “walk” signal is on. To request an APS, call (480) 644-2160.



DO'S & DON'TS

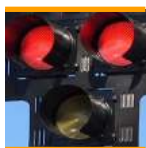


KNOW YOUR CROSSINGS



- **Traffic Signal**

Watch for the “walk” symbol before stepping out into the street. If the red hand is present, do not leave the curb.



- **Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon**

This beacon stays dark until a pedestrian activates it with an easy-to-reach button. After displaying brief flashing yellow light, a steady red indication light stops traffic and a “walk” indication allows pedestrians to start crossing the roadway while traffic is stopped.



- **Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons**

Flashing yellow lights alert drivers to the presence of a pedestrian. The beacon is only activated once a pedestrian pushes the easy-to-reach button.



- **Crosswalks**

Crosswalks exist at every street intersection, even if you don't see one painted on the street. Unmarked crosswalks can be indicated by wheelchair ramps built into the sidewalk. Marked crosswalks are painted white; In school zones they are painted yellow.

Arizona state law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is in or near the same half of the street as the driver. The Arizona state law also requires pedestrians to enter the street with caution.

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