

WILDCATS WALK SAFELY!! BE A SAFE PEDESTRIAN AT UK



The University of Kentucky streets are filled with pedestrians, bicycles, motorcycles, scooters, and vehicles at all times. As a pedestrian, your legal responsibilities are written in Kentucky Revised Statute [189.570](#).

Please remain alert and act responsibly when walking around campus, particularly in areas where interactions with vehicles can occur. Being struck by a vehicle at 30 miles per hour is fatal approximately 40% of the time*.



Some tips to stay safe:

- Walk only on sidewalks or other designated walking surfaces, as these are more likely to be well-lit and maintained for safe walking. On some areas of campus, there are Cat's Path paw prints on sidewalks for recommended walking routes.
- Cross streets between the lines within a crosswalk, and with the signal (if applicable). Your full attention should be directed to oncoming traffic.
- Traffic flow and/or congestion may prevent a driver from seeing you and having the time to stop. Do not assume the driver can see you, or stop in time for you.
- Establish eye contact before crossing, and look beyond the lead vehicle. Do not enter a crosswalk suddenly.
- Take additional care when walking in front of vehicles that have stopped for you.
- Discontinue the use of mobile phones or other potential distractions while crossing the street.
- If you cross the street at a place other than within a designated crosswalk or intersection, remember that the vehicle has the right-of-way. It is your responsibility to yield to the vehicle.
- Parking lots are for vehicles, and are not intended as short-cuts to walk between buildings. If you must walk through a parking lot, to retrieve a vehicle or any other reason, please be aware that vehicles can enter, back-up, or pull forward at any time. Stay vigilant.
- Use good judgment. Having the right-of-way will not prevent injury if you are hit by a vehicle.

WILDCATS WALK SAFELY... BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE NINE LIVES!

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*Ref: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, <http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/research/pub/hs809012.html>

