

Let's talk about...

STREET SMARTS

TOWN OF WESTFORD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE



MOTORIST TIPS

- Yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk
- Recognize cyclists right to use the road. Follow same right-of-way rules as with other vehicles
- Carefully watch for bicycles; they are more difficult to see than cars
- Be aware cyclists may take the center position in the lane when necessary
- Pass cyclists when it is safe. Allow at least 3 feet of clearance
- When opening the door of your parked car, check behind for cyclists
- Honking at a cyclist or pedestrian can startle them and increase the possibility of an accident
- Littering may result in a road hazard for cyclists
- Both lanes of traffic must stop for school buses when their stop sign is deployed and flashing lights are activated



CYCLIST TIPS

- Ride on the right side of road with traffic
- Follow traffic laws (Stop at stop signs, red lights etc.)
- Use hand signals when turning
- Don't text, or otherwise use smart phone
- Don't use headphones
- Wear brightly colored, reflective clothing
- Use special care at intersections
- Use reflectors on bicycle
- Use headlight and flashing tail light



PEDESTRIAN TIPS

- Use sidewalks and crosswalks if available
- If walking along road with no sidewalk, walk on left side of road facing traffic
- Pay close attention to cars
- Don't text
- Avoid using headphones, smart-phone, or other distracting electronics
- Before crossing the street look left, right, left for traffic
- Wear brightly colored clothing
- At night, carry a flashlight and/or wear reflective clothing or patches/tape

