Tips for Motorists

It’s up to you to make our streets safer for everyone.

STOP
FOR PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALKS

3PM–6PM
The time of day when pedestrians are more likely to be struck by a car. Stay aware at intersections!

DON’T
TEXT OR TALK WHILE DRIVING
DRIVE OR PARK IN BIKE LANES

LOOK
BEHIND YOU WHEN OPENING CAR DOORS

3 FEET
PASS CYCLISTS WITH AT LEAST THREE FEET OF CLEAR SPACE
People ride on the street because it’s required by law. Pass them safely.

SLOW DOWN
HIGH SPEEDS = SERIOUS INJURIES

20 MPH = 95% Survival
30 MPH = 55% Survival
40 MPH = 15% Survival

As vehicle speed increases, there’s a dramatic drop in pedestrian survival rates if struck. Pay extra attention in school zones, even outside of school hours, and near parks.

MORE BIKES = LESS CAR TRAFFIC
Approach intersections safely

Most crashes occur at intersections. Know who has the right of way and how to avoid a collision.

**CROSSWALKS**

**TURNING INTO CROSSWALKS:**
STOP for pedestrians in crosswalks when turning right or left. In Chicago, most car-on-pedestrian crashes occur near an intersection. (Sec. 5-11-903)

**AT A STOP SIGN OR RED LIGHT:**
Look both ways for pedestrians and cyclists near an intersection before proceeding.

**TURNING LEFT**

Cyclists are often moving faster than they appear. Wait for oncoming cyclists to pass; turning left in front of an oncoming cyclist is illegal and could cause a serious crash. (MCC 9-16-020 (e))

**TURNING RIGHT**

Look behind you for cyclists and wait for them to pass before turning. Turning right in front of a cyclist is illegal and could cause a serious crash. (MCC 9-16-020 (f))