

Safety Tip Sheet – Vehicle, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

1. Review the vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety information found on the [Washington University Police Department](#) (WUPD) and [Medical School Protective Services](#) (MSPS) web sites.
2. With the many crossing roadways, bicycle lanes and pedestrian paths on our campuses, the most important thing anyone can do is slow down and frequently scan for other vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians who may unintentionally put themselves in harm's way.
3. Leave early, so you are not rushing to appointments or class.
4. Beware of blind spots while driving, riding or walking. Pay particular attention to openings between buildings and other obstructions where pedestrians, bicyclists or other vehicles may enter roadways. Be extremely careful in locations where vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian paths cross, such as along Forsyth Avenue on the Danforth Campus or along Taylor Avenue on the Medical School Campus.
5. Pedestrians and bicyclists should slow down or stop, and carefully make sure they are not about to enter the path of another pedestrian, bicyclist or vehicle, when coming out from between buildings, from behind bushes or other obstructions.
6. Do not text and drive, and do not use a phone while driving. The [National Safety Council](#) cites studies which show that even talking on a hands-free telephone while driving is a contributor in as many as 1-in-4 automobile accidents.
7. Pedestrians should not text or operate handheld devices, and wear headphones. **Look up** when entering cross-walks. Some institutions have had students killed when struck by cars, because the students failed to look up from their cell phone while entering a cross-walk.
8. Pedestrians should cross in marked cross-walks, not mid-block.
9. Vehicles should stop for pedestrians in cross-walks; it is required by State law.
10. Follow the University's [bicycling etiquette](#) and [vehicle safety](#) tips.
11. Report any safety concerns to [WUPD](#), [MSPS](#) or [EH&S](#).