



Tis' the season of National Pedestrian Safety Month

October is National Pedestrian Safety Month, a dedicated time to raise awareness of pedestrian safety by educating the community on the rules of the road and best practices to encourage a safety culture. This is the time of the year when reduced daylight and weather conditions also start changing, bringing new challenges for pedestrians and drivers in all communities.

At Walt Disney World Resort, Cast Members go through numerous training courses to recognize “the safety-critical points” of parking lots and roads to continuously deliver a high standard of guest experience.

“My team helps remind Guests to use situational awareness when walking into their magical day,” EPCOT Parking Cast Member Greg said. “Everyone is a pedestrian at some point in their life and by taking caution to travel on designated paths of crosswalks and sidewalks when available, it helps drivers see us on the road.”

Greg’s team wears bright safety vests to make themselves more visible to drivers and pedestrians when guiding Guests on the safest route to their destination.

Meanwhile, Bus Driver Cat transports hundreds of Guests and Cast across property by being alert to “traffic signals that indicate when a pedestrian may be crossing, if there’s a change of speed limits, or who has the right of way to ensure a safe flow of traffic.” She mentions how “we drive in a wide range of weather conditions, sometimes it’s sunny and other times it can be dark and rainy ... we navigate our routes by looking for these signs as a universal communication on how to best yield to everyone on the road.”

Cast Members like Cat eliminate distractions when operating vehicles and encourage both drivers and pedestrians to utilize traffic signals to yield to those who have the right of way.

To recognize National Pedestrian Safety Month, Walt Disney World’s Transportation Cast Members and the Safety team encourage everyone to practice situational awareness year-round to make a difference in protecting yourself and those around you.

For pedestrians:

- Put your phone away when walking onstage or backstage. If your area allows it and you're using headphones while backstage, keep one earbud out to stay aware of your surroundings.
- Use designated pedestrian sidewalks, crosswalks and walking paths when traveling backstage. Before entering a crosswalk, make eye contact with drivers to make sure they know you’re there.
- Look both ways before crossing a street and do not assume a vehicle will stop for you. Wait for the driver to acknowledge you before walking.

For drivers:

- Obey speed limits on all roads, including backstage areas like Cast parking lots and construction sites where there could be machinery or reduced speed limits.
- Being mindful can help you stay focused on the roads and avoid distracted driving.
- Pay attention to alternate driving routes, like during runDisney marathon weekends or road closures due to construction. Check the HUB frequently for the latest closures and alternate driving routes.

For more resources on how to stay safe when driving, visit the [HUB: Safety & Wellness](#) or contact your area’s [safety professional](#).