

Maimonides Children's Hospital

Brooklyn's *Only* Pediatric Trauma Center

Pedestrian Safety

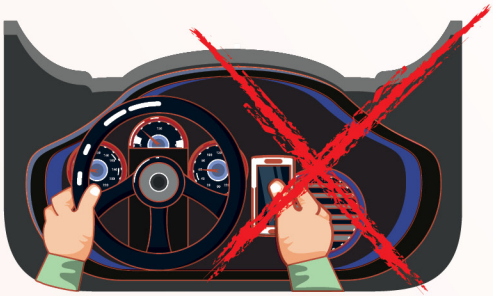
Pedestrian injuries are one of the leading causes of trauma seen at Maimonides Medical Center.

Crossing Safety

- Teach kids to stop at the curb, look left, right, and left again before crossing the street, even if it is a one-way street. They should continue looking both directions until they are safely across.
- Cross only at crosswalks when the traffic signal allows, making eye contact with the driver before crossing. Stay distraction-free by putting down electronic devices and removing headphones.
- Small children may not be visible to drivers in large vehicles and buses. Teach them to hold up their hand and wave while crossing to help drivers see them better.



- Dawn and dusk are especially dangerous times for pedestrians due to limited visibility. Teach kids to be extra alert and to wear bright colors or carry a flashlight to alert drivers to their presence.
- Never push strollers or carts into the street before you know it is safe to cross.



Pointers for Drivers

- Higher vehicle speeds are strongly associated with more serious pedestrian injuries and death. Even 5 miles per hour over the speed limit can be deadly. Follow the speed limit.
- Remove distractions while driving and be especially alert driving through cross walks, school zones, and at night.

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