



# Crosswalk Safety

*Did you know that most accidents involving pedestrians occur while crossing the street?*

## Pedestrian Safety Laws

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Vehicle Code, **pedestrians have the right-of-way when walking within a crosswalk or intersection not managed by traffic lights or signals.** Drivers must yield to pedestrians and allow them to pass before continuing across the street or through the intersection.

Although pedestrians have the right-of-way once in the crosswalk, always assume the motorist will not stop. Pedestrians must yield to motorists if they are on the curb and NOT yet within a crosswalk or at an intersection or marked crosswalk.

## Using Sidewalks

Where a sidewalk is available and can be used, it is unlawful to walk on the roadway. If it's a two-way road, you can only walk on the left side facing traffic. Pedestrians should stay on the shoulder as far from the edge as possible. If there is no shoulder, a pedestrian must walk on the shoulder as far as practical from the edge of the roadway.

Lower Moreland Township is asking all motorists to slow down and be mindful of the speed limit, especially near pedestrian crosswalks. Failure to observe the law may be subject to fines.



New pedestrian crosswalk installed on Red Lion Road at Valley Center Park entrance

## Crosswalk Safety Tips

- ⚠ Walk against traffic
- ⚠ Look left, right and left again before crossing the street.
- ⚠ Never wear headphones in a crosswalk.
- ⚠ Walk, don't run: running into the street can increase the danger that motorists will not see you or will not be able to stop in time.
- ⚠ Never assume a driver sees you. Always make sure the driver sees you and stops.
- ⚠ Stay within the lines of the crosswalk and never walk behind a car that is blocking the crosswalk.