

# SAFETY BULLETIN

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## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BULLETIN

### “STAY ALERT WHILE CROSSING THE STREET”

Every year approximately 14,000 people are killed or injured while crossing a street or a highway in New York State. Recently (September, 2006), a student was hit by a vehicle while he was trying to cross Amsterdam Avenue.

Highway and street safety is a subject that can't be ignored. It is important that **everyone** obey and follow the New York Traffic and Pedestrian laws and regulations while crossing any street.

Streets must be crossed only at the intersection at the marked crosswalk. The Department of Transportation (DOT) installed pedestrian crossing signals in most intersections around our campuses. The purpose of these crossing signals is to help you to safely cross busy streets.

- ❖ When you approach an intersection, proceed with caution. Wait for the steady white light sign that



reads “WALK” or the walking man sign



**CROSS ONLY AT THE INTERSECTION AND WHEN THE WHITE “WALK” or  SIGN IS LIT AND CARS HAVE STOPPED AT THE MARKED CROSSWALK.**

- ❖ Look to the left, right, and left again. Watch for oncoming traffic or turning cars.
- ❖ Once you have determined it is safe and that all cars have stopped at the red light at the intersection, leave the curb and cross the street in the crosswalk.
- ❖ Give yourself the most time to cross by waiting for a newly turned green light or a walk signal.
- ❖ Stop and look in all directions before you cross and keep scanning for vehicles as you cross.
- ❖ If you are using a cell phone pay extra attention while crossing the street.
- ❖ **Do not** leave the curb or area of safety to walk or run into the path of a vehicle.



- ❖ The  or  signals mean **STOP**. Stay on the curb or area of safety.
- ❖ When both of these signs are flashing, **use caution**. If you are in the street, finish crossing the street. If you have not started to cross the street, stay on the curb or area of safety.

We at Yeshiva University are concerned about your Health and Safety.

#### References:

New York State, Pedestrians rights and Duties, Article 27.

NYS Department of Transportation Safety Page: Pedestrian Safety Page [www.nysgtsc.state.ny.us](http://www.nysgtsc.state.ny.us)

NYC Department of Transportation Safety Information: [www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov)