

PEDESTRIANS and DRIVERS

CARE AND VIGILANCE
SAVE LIVES!



PEDESTRIAN, Be Safety Conscious!

Each day, approximately ten pedestrians are involved in traffic accidents throughout Québec. If you use the province's road network on foot, you have no protection if you are struck by a vehicle. That's why the Highway Safety Code enforces regulations to make walking safe. Don't take chances, be safety conscious.

ON THE SIDEWALK!

Walk on the sidewalk. If there is none, walk on the shoulder or edge of the road, facing oncoming traffic.

BEFORE YOU CROSS

- Go to the nearest intersection.
- Take a moment to check the traffic to make sure you can walk across safely.
- Look left, right, then left again;
- Look over your shoulder to check that no vehicles behind you are about to turn right;
- Establish eye contact with drivers to make sure they see you.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT AN INTERSECTION

- If there are pedestrian and traffic lights

You must obey the pedestrian lights.



Stay within the two white crosswalk lines or pavement markings when crossing the road. A countdown indicates the amount of time available to get across.



If the pedestrian signal is flashing, there is only a little time remaining to cross the road. If you have already entered the intersection, hurry across.



Do not cross.

- If there are only traffic lights



You have the right of way at the **green light** and priority when you are on the roadway.

- If there are stop signs



You have priority over motorists, who must bring their vehicle to a stop and yield the right of way.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS

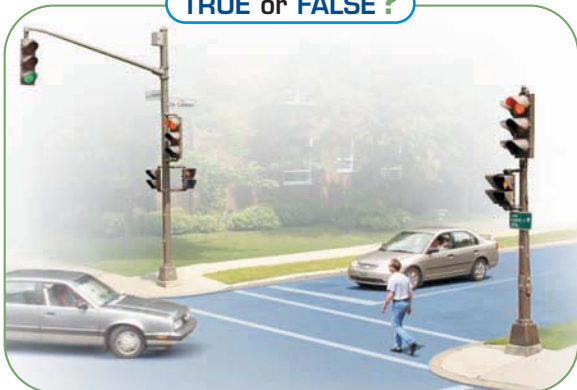


Pedestrian crosswalks are enclosed within yellow pavement markings and identified by a sign. Crosswalks, which are often not located near intersections, give priority to pedestrians who are crossing the road. Motorists and cyclists must stop their vehicles to allow you to cross.

Pedestrians who fail to heed those rules are liable to a \$15 to \$30 fine, plus court costs.

**You can cross on a green light,
even if the pedestrian signal
is orange.**

TRUE or FALSE?



False. You must obey the pedestrian signal. In this situation, the orange hand prohibits you from crossing. You have the right of way when the pedestrian walk signal appears.

**You can cross anywhere along a roadway,
so long as you check
all sides carefully.**

TRUE or FALSE?



False. You have to go to the nearest intersection or pedestrian crosswalk.

At an intersection where a sidewalk borders the roadway, you can stand in the road before crossing.

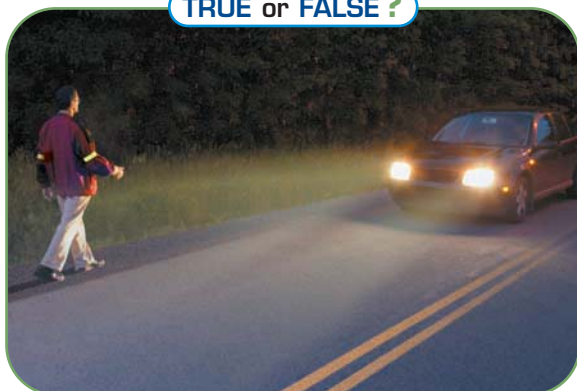
TRUE or FALSE ?



False. For your own safety, you must remain on the sidewalk while waiting for the crossing signal.

Where there is no sidewalk, you must walk on the shoulder or side of the road, facing oncoming traffic.

TRUE or FALSE ?



True. It is safer to face oncoming vehicles because you can see them approaching and have time to react. When visibility is reduced, wear bright-coloured clothing or reflective strips.

DRIVERS,

yield the right of way to pedestrians

Each year, approximately **10 pedestrians** are injured in traffic accidents throughout **Québec**, usually in urban areas. Given their exposure to being struck by a vehicle, you must grant them extra consideration, particularly at intersections where there are more pedestrians.

YOU MUST STOP AND YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY TO PEDESTRIANS:



When the light is green or at a pedestrian walk signal;



Before turning right on a red light. On the island of Montréal, it is illegal to turn right on a red light;



At a pedestrian crosswalk sign;



At a stop sign;



At a stop sign held by a school crossing guard.

THE STOP LINE

At an intersection, you must bring your vehicle to a stop at the stop line located directly behind the pedestrian crossing. A sign sometimes identifies the location of the stop line on the roadway.

If there is no stop line, leave the pedestrian crossing area clear by coming to a stop further back.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in:

- a \$100 to \$200 fine and court costs
- up to 3 demerit points entered on your driving record.

At a green light, you can make a right turn even if a pedestrian has already started across the intersection.

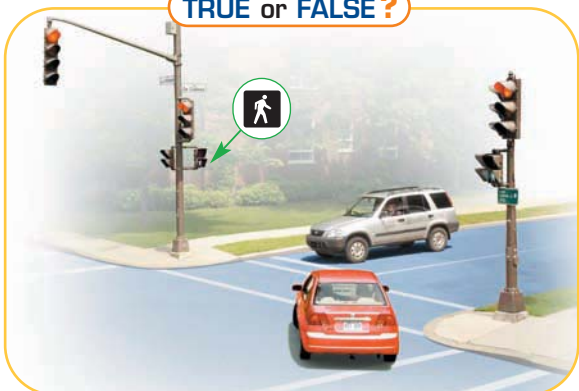
TRUE or FALSE?



False. You must stop and yield the right of way to the pedestrian crossing the intersection before you turn.

When the pedestrian walk signal appears, you can make a right turn on a red light if there are no pedestrians.

TRUE or FALSE?



True. If there is no sign prohibiting a right turn on a red light.

If a pedestrian is crossing the road
at a pedestrian crosswalk,
you have priority.

TRUE or FALSE ?



False. If a sign indicates a pedestrian crosswalk, you must bring your vehicle to a stop to allow pedestrians across.

You can bring your vehicle to a stop
anywhere in front of the intersection
when waiting for a green light.

TRUE or FALSE ?



False. You must bring your vehicle to a stop behind the stop line.