

Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Tips

South Salt Lake is a pedestrian-friendly city with an excellent sidewalk system focused on accessibility for all. The city also has bike lanes on most major roads, and an extensive regional trail system. Here are some tips for safe walking and cycling throughout South Salt Lake:



Be Alert

Watch all cars carefully. Many drivers are too busy watching other motorists to notice pedestrian activity. Make eye contact with drivers at turns and intersections to confirm they are watching your moves.

Make Yourself Visible

Wear bright-colored clothing during the day and wear white or reflective clothing and use a flashlight or bike light at night.

Watch Where You Walk

Walk on the left side of the street, facing oncoming traffic. Never step into the road from behind a parked car or other obstacle; instead, seek a clear spot when crossing the street. Watch for cyclists in the road just as you would watch for cars - a collision with a bike could be just as dangerous. Do not run or walk in the bike lane.

Cross the Street With a Group

A group is easier to see than just one person. Make sure drivers see everyone in your group.

Cross the Street at a Crosswalk

Wait on the curb for the WALK signal to come on. If there is a signal button, push it once to activate the pedestrian crosswalk signal. Pushing it repeatedly may make it register an error. Make no attempt to cross the street when the DON'T WALK sign is illuminated. Once the WALK signal appears, cross the road quickly, keeping your attention on the traffic around you. Watch for turning cars.

If the flashing DON'T WALK signal comes on while you are crossing the street, do not panic. This is only a warning that the light will be changing but there is still enough time to finish crossing the street safely. DO NOT attempt to start crossing the street from the curb if the signal is flashing, for there is not enough time to cross safely.

Plan Ahead

Plan your route to use crosswalks wherever possible. Plan to cross busy, high-speed streets at a signalized pedestrian crossing only.