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- Always be visible to approaching traffic.
- Use of cell phones and other electronics while crossing a street is not recommended.
- Stepping suddenly into the street from between parked cars puts you at great risk.
- It is safer to cross at controlled intersections.
- Use crosswalks. Look twice both ways before crossing.
- **Never** cross against a red traffic light.
- Remember, when a signal light turns green to yellow, or pedestrian signal flashes a red "hand", you must seek a curb or median divider - even if that means returning from the curb you started from.
- Crossing mid-block in a residential district is legal, but do not cross in a diagonal direction that places on-coming traffic behind you.
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- When exiting from public transportation, wait until the vehicle comes to a complete stop and look both ways to ensure it is safe to proceed.
- Pedestrians are not allowed in bicycle lanes, even while jogging or skating. Remain on the sidewalk, away from the faster moving cyclists.
- Hold hands with small children when crossing any street. Teach children to look twice both ways before crossing any street.
- When walking in darkness, wear light colored or reflective clothing.

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Pedestrians are subject to following the laws that control the right-of-way on the streets. The San Francisco Police Department will enforce violations that include:

- \$197.00*** Citation for crossing a street against a yellow light, unnecessarily stopping or delaying traffic. *VC21452(b)*
- \$197.00*** Citation for crossing on any block that is controlled at each corner with a traffic light. *VC21955*
- \$197.00*** Citation for stepping into the path of vehicles and creating a hazardous situation. *VC21956(a)*
- \$197.00*** Citation for crossing against a red light. *VC21453(d)*
- \$197.00*** Citation for crossing against a red "DON'T WALK" or hand sign. *VC21456(a,b)*

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