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**Walk Smart**

Did you know that most pedestrian-related fatalities occur in low-light conditions (at dusk or dawn) or after dark? And that most involve inattentive or distracted pedestrians walking in the road or stepping into the path of a vehicle?

Preventing pedestrian crashes is easy if we follow these simple guidelines:

- Always cross at marked intersections or crosswalks when possible.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk facing traffic and walk as far from the edge of the roadway as possible.
- Wear reflective clothing or carry a flashlight when walking at night or in low light conditions – it's the law.
- If you are driving, especially at night, be on the lookout for pedestrians near the roadway who may not be crossing at the appropriate place.
- If your vehicle breaks down on an interstate or busy roadway, don't leave your vehicle and walk along the road. Instead call #77 or 911 for assistance.
- Never walk when impaired by drugs or alcohol.

For more information on the Walk Smart campaign and to find materials about pedestrian safety tips and laws, please visit [www.ohs.delaware.gov](http://www.ohs.delaware.gov) or follow us on Twitter at [www.Twitter.com/DEHighwaySafe](http://www.Twitter.com/DEHighwaySafe).

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