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Be Safe, Be Seen

Every day, Delaware citizens use our roadways to get from point A to point B, but one of our most vulnerable roadway users continues to be pedestrians. If you walk on Delaware roads, it is important to be seen and use common sense when near the roadway. Here are some things that you can do to be safe while you are walking:

- Be Seen. Always carry a flashlight or other reflective item at night.
- Use sidewalks. If there isn't a sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far off the edge of the road as possible.
- Cross only at crosswalks and intersections, even if you have to walk a little further.
- Do not step into the path of a vehicle, even though you may have the right of way.

Other considerations:

- If your car becomes disabled, pull over and wait or call for help. It is safer to stay inside your vehicle than to walk for help.
- Never hitchhike.
- And, never walk under the influence of alcohol or drugs. It is better to call a friend, call a cab, or stay where you are than to risk walking impaired.

Last year, too many pedestrians died on our roads – some chose to cross in front of an oncoming vehicle, some chose to walk impaired, or some chose to walk in the road without a light. Don't let this happen to you. Be Safe. Be Seen.

Walk Smart. Arrive Alive DE.

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