

How to walk in a Roundabout

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- Look and listen for a safe gap in traffic flow.
- Do not cross until the driver stops.
- Keep and make eye contact with drivers in all lanes.
- Do not cross across the middle of the roundabout.
- Wait on the splitter island.
- Drivers are more likely to yield the crosswalk to you if your body language shows you intend to cross.
- Walk to the crosswalk briskly and deliberately.
- Look at the drivers - make eye contact.
- Start to cross as soon as you are sure that the driver intends to slow or stop.

Pedestrians at roundabouts compared to a signalized intersection

- The crossing distance is shorter.
- The slower speeds means drivers have more time to judge and react to pedestrians.
- The pedestrian watches for traffic in just one direction at a time.
- Drivers can focus on vehicles and pedestrians around them, without a traffic signal diverting drivers' attention upward.
- Drivers are more likely to look toward pedestrian pathways. By comparison, turning at a traffic signal drivers are often watching for conflicting traffic (for example: looking left while turning right).
- Drivers and pedestrians are more likely to be alert and aware of each other because both have to decide when to go.

Tips and things to remember

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Body language

Good Body Language

Use the following assertive body language to communicate your intention:

- Scan for a gap in traffic as you come up to the crosswalk.
- Approach the crosswalk briskly and deliberately.
- Point across the crosswalk.
- Make eye contact with approaching drivers.
- Start to cross as soon as you are sure the driver intends to slow or stop to yield the crosswalk to you.
- Beginning muscle stretches if you have jogged up to the intersection and seem to be filling in time.
- Not taking advantage of an appropriate gap in traffic to start crossing.
- Waiving drivers on.

Poor Body Language

Drivers are more likely **Not** to yield the crosswalk if you exhibit the following passive body language:

- Not looking at drivers.
- Walking slowly up to the crosswalk or standing on the sidewalk back from the curb.
- Standing with your hands on your hips.
- Setting down your grocery bags.
- Playing with your cell phone or music player.

Hesitating and not starting to cross even if a vehicle slows to yield the crosswalk to you.