

**If you want to make San José streets safer, it's just a matter of being smart!** The behavior of drivers, cyclists and pedestrians play a huge role in keeping our streets safe. Follow the tips below to help ensure your safety and the safety of others.

## Pedestrians

- Cross at intersections or crosswalks, not in the middle of the road or between parked cars.
- Before stepping off the curb, look left, right, and left again for traffic; and be aware of turning vehicles.
- Make eye contact with drivers to be sure you are seen.
- Watch for traffic the entire time while crossing a street.
- If one car stops, don't assume that other motorists have seen or will stop, especially on multi-lane streets.
- Avoid wearing headphones or using your phone when crossing the street.
- Wear bright colors or reflective clothing if walking at night. Consider carrying a flashlight.

## Bicyclists

- Obey traffic signs and signals – bicycles must follow the rules of the road like other vehicles.
- Never ride against traffic – motorists aren't looking for cyclists on the wrong side of the road.
- Use hand signals for turning or stopping.
- When turning left at an intersections, either: 1) continue across the intersection and use the crosswalk when it's safe and legal to do so (similar to a pedestrian), or (2) signal and move into the left side of the travel lane (or left turn lane) as a vehicle.
- Watch out for road hazards like sewer grates, tracks, potholes, or debris.
- Avoid the door zone – exercise care not to ride too close to parked cars.
- Respect the right-of-way of others, including pedestrians.
- Wear a snug fitting helmet to protect your head, and never ride with headphones.
- Wear bright, light colored clothing if biking at night; and always use a headlight, taillight or rear reflectors.

## Motorists

- Don't be a distracted driver. Attention should be on the road at all times.
- Slow down in neighborhoods and near schools. Watch out for children and pets.
- Stop for pedestrians crossing the street.
- When making a right hand turn, check for cyclists or pedestrians that may be crossing the intersection.
- Reduce your speed when passing cyclists, especially if the roadway is narrow.
- Maintain a consistent speed and keep a buffer zone between you and other vehicles.
- Stopping is part of driving. Obey all stop signs and traffic signals.
- Obey the posted speed limit.