

HEADS UP CEDAR PARK



There's more to safety than just obeying traffic laws.

It's about how everyone – pedestrians, cyclists and drivers – looks out for one another.

So have a Heads up, Cedar Park, for our friends, family members and neighbors, and help keep each other safe.

Be aware

Walking and texting prevents you from being aware of your surroundings.
Look both ways before crossing a street: watch and listen for vehicles.
Pay particular attention for vehicles backing out of driveways.

Be safe

Cross at the crosswalk.
Try to make eye contact with drivers before crossing driveways and streets.
Cross in front of, not behind, vehicles when possible.
Watch for the diagram of the green person for your signal to walk across the street.
The red hand is the signal for you to not enter the intersection.
The ten feet around a bus or large vehicle is considered the danger zone. It is nearly impossible for the driver to see you in this area.
Wait for any bus or large vehicle to leave, then cross in a designated crosswalk if possible.
Wear white or light colors and reflective clothing so that others can see you.



Heads up for pedestrians, cyclists, school zones and school buses

Maintain the posted school zone speed limit.
Be on the lookout especially for child pedestrians, who may not always remember safety rules.
Always yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and never park in or block a crosswalk.
Allow a minimum of three feet to the side when passing a bicyclist.
Treat bicycles as motor vehicles. They have the right to ride in the center of most road lanes.
Motorcycles are everywhere. Heads up for them, too.

Give space to Police, Fire, EMS and construction workers

If you see a Police, Fire or ambulance vehicle behind you, move to the right if possible.
If you see them pulled over in front of you slow down and move over at least one lane to ensure their safety. Slow down in construction zones.

Drive safely

Don't be distracted. Texting while driving is illegal and dangerous.
Eating, reading and having a lively conversation while driving are all examples of distracted driving.
If it's raining, icy or there is heavy traffic, slow down and pay close attention.
A flashing yellow arrow at a turn signal or at a signal in front of a fire station means to yield then proceed through the intersection, if clear.
On a multi-lane road such as a highway, slower-moving traffic should keep to the right. The left lane is reserved for faster-moving traffic to pass.



Ride right

Under State law bicyclists operate with the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicle drivers.
This means cyclists must obey traffic signals and stop signs. Learn bicycling hand signals and use them.
Ride in the same direction as traffic. Never ride facing oncoming traffic.
On roads with designated multiuse or bicycle lanes, use them.
Position yourself at intersections in a way that ensures you are seen by others.

Be alert and be aware of your surroundings

Don't text and ride. You may be a great multi-tasker, but it's illegal and dangerous to text while cycling.

Light up the night

Wear white or light colors and reflective clothing so that others can see you.



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