

With the Vision Zero initiative, New York City is making roads safer for all who use them. We're designing safer streets and issuing more traffic tickets for dangerous driving behaviors. Despite greatly reducing crashes, older New Yorkers are still at risk.

Did you know, New Yorkers aged 60 and older make up almost half of all pedestrian fatalities?

Streetwise is a guide that illustrates difficult pedestrian situations and tips for safer New York City driving.

For more information
about Vision Zero and
Streetwise, call 311.



STREETWISE





Take these tips from streetwise New Yorkers.



David

Look before crossing.

Most crashes happen at intersections. Be aware of turning vehicles. Drivers might not pause for you before turning.



Louis

Make sure you can be seen.

Drivers are not always paying attention or watching for pedestrians crossing the street. You are harder to see at night or when it is raining.



Carol

Use the signal.

Making sure you have enough time to cross is a smart idea. Remember, drivers may be aggressive and run the light.



Han

Pay attention.

Streets are safer when we're all alert, especially at busy intersections. Drivers can be distracted by their phones and drive without regard.



Patsy

Avoid crossing midblock.

Many traffic fatalities in NYC involve speeding. Speeding cars may not be able to stop quickly, making midblock crossing too risky.