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## Road Safety For Pedestrian

### Follow Traffic Rules

As a pedestrian, always watch out for the traffic lights and only cross the road when the pedestrian light is green. Never cross the road when the light is green for vehicular traffic.

### Do not use mobile phones on the road

Talking or texting on your mobile while walking on the road can be dangerous. For instance, if you are busy on your phone while crossing the road, it can lead to an accident. So avoid it at all costs.

### Look before crossing the road

Make sure that you look in both directions (left and right) when crossing the road. That way, you will be safe from the oncoming traffic and the vehicles coming from the wrong direction

### Use Zebra crossings

As a pedestrian, always use zebra crossings to cross the road at busy intersections and crossroads. Along with the Zebra crossing, follow the pedestrian traffic light rules.

## Road safety rules for drivers (cyclists, riders and drivers)

### Do not ignore traffic light rules

Traffic lights are designed to enable smooth traffic flow at intersections, crossroads and zebra crossings. Following traffic signal rules ensures that there are no or minimal road mishaps. As a vehicle driver, always stop at red lights. Failing to do so can attract a red light jump fine. Also, give way for pedestrians at the zebra crossing. Cross the intersection only when the light is green. The same rules apply to cyclists as well.

### Never drink and drive

Drinking-and-driving is one of the major causes of accidents on roads. Never drive your vehicle in an inebriated state. It not only causes harm to you but also to other road users.

Alcohol can hamper your decision-making abilities. Hence, the chances of you losing control of the vehicle is high. So, avoid driving at all costs if you have consumed alcohol.

### Do not use the mobile phone while driving

Mobile phones can be one of the biggest distractions while driving. It makes you take your eyes off the road and doing that while driving can be dangerous. Never talk or text on the phone while you are behind the wheel of a vehicle or riding a two-wheeler.

### Follow speed limits

Whether you are driving a car or riding a two-wheeler, always adhere to the speed limits of that particular road. Never overspeed as it can result in you losing control of the vehicle and causing an accident. Always watch out for speed limit sign boards, especially on highways.

### Follow “No Entry” zone rules

Never enter a “No Entry” zone as it may lead to serious accidents. Such zones are created for the one-way movement of traffic. If you enter that zone, you may end up colliding with oncoming traffic. Hence, never drive your vehicle in a “No Entry” zone.

### Use turn signals

It is extremely important to use turn signals (indicator lights) to indicate your next manoeuvre on the road. For instance, if you wish to turn right at the next intersection, use a turn signal in advance and then slow down the vehicle. It helps avoid unnecessary confusion and collisions.

Turn signals are crucial for two-wheeler riders as they are more vulnerable to collisions. Hence, always use turn signal indicators to be safe on the road.

## Importance of Traffic Rules in India

India is a country with millions of vehicles on the road, and traffic rules and regulations take centre stage for the smooth movement of traffic. The significance of traffic rules increases in India due to the sheer number of vehicles on the road. Here are the reasons why traffic rules and regulations are so important in India. Traffic and road safety rules aid in a smooth flow of traffic.

Traffic rules and regulations make roads safer for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

Traffic rules help to reduce road accidents and fatalities caused due to collisions on the road.

It encourages road users to be disciplined while driving or walking on the road.

Traffic rules curb illegal activities (such as racing) on the road.

Traffic rules aid in checking and mitigating unauthorised use or misuse of vehicles on the road.

They help to stop practices such as dangerous driving and speeding on the road.

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