Don’t Assume Anything – You can’t expect motorists to see you in a crosswalk. Even if they stop, the driver of the vehicle may not notice you. Make sure vehicles have stopped and drivers see you before you cross.

Eyes Up, Phones Down – Be alert and be aware of your surroundings at all times. Keep an ear clear as headphones covering both ears may not be worn while operating a mode of transportation. Using your cellphone to text or make calls while riding or walking is hazardous.

Always walk AGAINST traffic; bikes and scooters should ride WITH traffic.

Walk this Way – Pedestrians should always walk on the sidewalk. If sidewalks are not available, walk on the shoulder and face traffic. Skateboarders fit into the same classification as a pedestrian. Be courteous and walk your wheels in high-pedestrian areas.

Riding Scooters – Riders are required to carry a drivers license and follow all traffic laws. As with bikes, do not ride on sidewalks. Ride in the bike lanes or stay to the right of the road going with the flow of traffic. Never allow someone else on a scooter with you.
**TIPS FOR DRIVERS**

**Share the Road** – Remember that a bicycle is a vehicle and is subject to the same traffic laws as other vehicles. Under certain conditions (such as when the lane is too narrow to share) cyclists have the right to take the full lane in front of you, even if they are travelling slower than you.

**Yield to Pedestrians** – Drivers must always stop for pedestrians (including those on skateboards and scooters) in a crosswalk. This means at all intersections whether it’s a marked crosswalk or not. Never pass another vehicle stopped at a crosswalk.

**Three Feet Rule** – Give plenty of space. Wide mirrors or things hanging off your vehicle can make contact and cause serious injury. Always allow at least a three-foot buffer when passing cyclists, pedestrians, and scooters.

**Avoid the Right Hook** – Watch for bikes and scooters ahead to clear the intersection, then merge completely to the far right edge of the road, even if there is a bike lane. Never turn across the path of anyone on a bike, scooter, or on foot. Always check your blind spots.

**Look Before you Exit** – Be sure to glance over your shoulder first, then look out the side view mirror before exiting your vehicle and opening your door.

**TIPS FOR BICYCLISTS**

**See & Be Seen** – Be visible and alert. Use hand signals and make eye contact to communicate intentions. Don’t wear dark clothes at night and wear reflective tape. Always ride bright at night. California law requires bikes to have a front lamp, a rear red reflector, and white or yellow reflectors on pedals and wheels.

**Go With the Flow** – Ride in bike lane or street instead of sidewalks. Always travel on the right side of the roadway in the direction of traffic. If biking with others, ride in a single file.

**Lock your Bike** – Use a good quality U-Lock and always lock your bike to a rack. Position your bike frame and wheels so that you take up as much open space within the U portion of the lock. Take all detachable items with you when you leave.

**Stop, Look and Listen** – Make full stops at all stop signs and lights. Keep your eyes up and be aware of what’s happening around you. Listen for emergency or large vehicles that may have warning sounds.

**Bicyclists in California are required to follow the same laws as other drivers.**

**Don’t Care about Helmet Hair** - Be smart and wear a properly fitting helmet at all times. Your brain is worth protecting.

**Be like Scotty the Bear and ride safe wherever you go!**