October’s Safety Tip: Campus Crosswalk Safety

Roger Williams University provides crosswalks throughout campus to allow for safer passage across busier sections of campus roads. It also keeps our landscaping looking at its best. Pedestrians, drivers, and recreational transportation equipment users must all behave safely at crosswalks:

**Pedestrians**
- Always cross the street at marked crosswalks.
- Obey any pedestrian signals and look left-right-left to make sure the road is clear in both directions before crossing.
- If a vehicle approaches, make eye contact with the driver.
- Look before walking past stopped vehicles to be sure she/he sees you before you cross.
- Do not cross just because a driver waves you on. Be sure all lanes are clear first.
- Avoid texting, talking on the phone and using earphones while crossing the street.

**Drivers**
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at intersections.
- Be alert for bicyclists, skateboarders and motorized vehicles (e.g. golf carts) whose approaches to the crosswalk may be much swifter than those of pedestrians.
- Come to a complete stop if pedestrians are crossing or preparing to cross. STOP SIGNS MEAN STOP on campus.
- Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk.

**Bicycle / Non-Motorized Scooter / Skateboard Operators** *(Recreational Transportation Equipment)*
- Ride only according to the equipment manufacturer’s specifications.
- Adhere and comply with all traffic control devices, including posted signs that may prohibit riding in any designated area.
- Always yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.
- Dismount and carry the recreational transportation equipment across crosswalks, busy intersections and high traffic areas.
- For more tips on the use of Recreational Transport Equipment on campus, visit: [http://www.rwu.edu/about/university-offices/ehs/transportation-safety/non-motorized-recreational-transportation-equipment](http://www.rwu.edu/about/university-offices/ehs/transportation-safety/non-motorized-recreational-transportation-equipment)