

# ROAD SAFETY TIPS



## Navigating Roundabouts

A modern roundabout is a circular, unsignalized intersection where entering traffic yield to motorists circulating around a central island.

When approaching - SLOW DOWN. Always stay to the right of the splitter island. Be cautious of pedestrians/cyclists and scooters. As you approach look to your left before entering.

All movement is counterclockwise. Only stop to avoid collision. When approaching avoid travelling greater than the posted speed limit. Avoid changing lanes. Give special attention to trucks and large vehicles.

If an emergency vehicle approaches directly behind you, DO NOT STOP, travel through to exit and pull over to your right.



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 **Walk.**

  
**Bike.**

**Drive.** 

## Pedestrian & Driver Safety Tips

Each year, more than 4,000 pedestrians are killed in the United States. Transportation agencies across the country are looking for ways to reduce that number. Pittsfield Charter Township wants to make walking and biking safer and thus a viable choice for trips of appropriate distances, whether for leisure, business, or health.

From a driver's perspective, medians make pedestrians waiting in the center of the roadway more visible. Medians also provide space for roadway lighting, which research has shown helps reduce night time pedestrian fatalities at crossings by 78 percent.



## Your Role as a Driver

MI Motor Vehicle Code: R 28.1702 Rule 702. Pedestrians; right-of-way in crosswalk; violation as civil infraction.

1. When traffic-control signals are not in place or are not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger, but a pedestrian shall not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into a path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.
2. A person who violates this rule is responsible for a civil infraction.



## Your Role as a Pedestrian

- Cross only at marked crosswalks, always stay on the designated walkway.
- Always use caution prior to crossing the roadway.
- Wait for the appropriate gap in traffic.
- Use the traffic signals where available and if there are two for multiple lanes, activate both devices.

Remember, your best protection is your own awareness of on-coming traffic that may not see you!

## Guidelines for Multi-use Trails & Non-Motorized Paths

Paths and trails are often shared by users of all ages and abilities, including bicyclists, walkers, joggers, parents pushing strollers, roller-bladers, and pets. The great variety of users and their varying speeds and mobility can make trail riding more unpredictable than riding in the roadway.

- Always wear a helmet and use safety gear.
- Ride to the right.
- Ride single-file when other users are present.
- Always yield to other, slower path users.
- When stopping for a rest or emergency, move completely off the trail.
- Avoid wearing headphones so you are aware of faster users approaching from behind.
- Control your speed, slow down, and use caution approaching or overtaking other path users.
- Before passing others, courteously announce your intentions by saying, "on your left," or ringing your bike bell.
- Don't "spook" children or animals; always yield to them.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals at road crossings.
- Use proper lights if riding before daylight or after dusk.
- Point to trail hazards and/or call out to riders behind you: "Gravel", "Hole"
- Use traffic hand signals when appropriate.

For more tips visit: [www.lmb.org](http://www.lmb.org)



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