

SAFE WALKING

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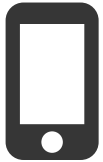


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WALK AGAINST TRAFFIC ON FAMILIAR ROUTES

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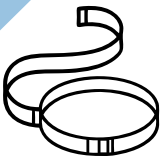
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TIPS FOR WALKING SAFELY

IN THE DARK OR LOW VISIBILITY

WALK AGAINST TRAFFIC

Walk against traffic to see (and be seen by) oncoming vehicles easily.

Stick to familiar routes. Dark or low visibility periods are not the time to try that new path.

PHONES ARE FOR SAFETY

Have your phone with you, just in case.

Avoid distractions that take your attention from your surroundings and limit your hearing.

VISIBILITY

Be visible by wearing reflective items, light-colored clothing, and carry a flashlight.

Make sure your canine is visible too with reflective or blinking lights.

Dress for the weather - you *and* your canine. If your canine will tolerate booties, they are useful in both the cold and the heat.

TAGS & LEASH

Your canine (or cat) should always wear their collar with legible tag, pet license, and rabies tag attached.

Use a sturdy leash as low visibility makes it hard to see hazards from a distance.

It's also a good idea to occasionally check to make sure your microchip info is up to date.

ENVIRONMENT

Know the terrain and what could be slip, trip, and/or fall hazards.

Be prepared if that passing vehicle is unable to stop because it's sliding.

Don't forget to consider *what* you may be walking through such as ice melt and antifreeze which can be toxic to your canine.

Be aware of other animals and people around you.

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