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For the safety of everyone, please use caution when walking, biking, and driving on campus, and don't be distracted by mobile devices.

Know the rules:

- Pedestrians **must** be in a designated and marked crosswalk to have the right of way. There is a common misconception that pedestrians have the right of way on campus at all times, and that is not true.
- Pedestrians are required to follow the pedestrian traffic-control signals when crosswalks are equipped with them.
- Use common sense. Even if you have the right of way, **do not** step out into the street in front of a moving vehicle. There is no guarantee the driver will stop.
- Stay off your phone when walking in a crosswalk, riding a bicycle, driving, skating or skateboarding. Not paying attention can have tragic results.
- Don't speed through campus. There are thousands of pedestrians walking or cycling across campus on any given day. Going too fast makes it difficult to stop if a pedestrian steps out in front of you. When approaching a crosswalk, reduce your speed and be prepared to stop.
- Anytime you cross a street, you should be paying attention and looking both ways.
- Stay on sidewalks whenever possible. If a sidewalk is not available, you should walk facing oncoming traffic so you can see what's coming and take evasive action if needed.
- Drivers should give cyclists 3 feet of room. Remember that someone on a bike could fall, so drivers who are passing cyclists should give them plenty of space.
- Cyclists should not ride in crosswalks; crosswalks are for pedestrians only. Cyclists should dismount their bicycles and walk them through crosswalks.
- When cyclists are riding in the street, they are considered a vehicle and must follow all the same rules that a car must follow, such as stopping at stop signs, yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks, and obeying traffic-control lights. If you cycle on campus, you must know the laws. Learn more at lsu.edu/police/safety/prevention.php.

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