



ROUNDBABOUTS & PEDESTRIANS

At a roundabout, crosswalk users cross at right angles to approaching traffic, improving the sight lines for both drivers and crosswalk users. Lower speeds also allow drivers and crosswalk users to better react to each other.

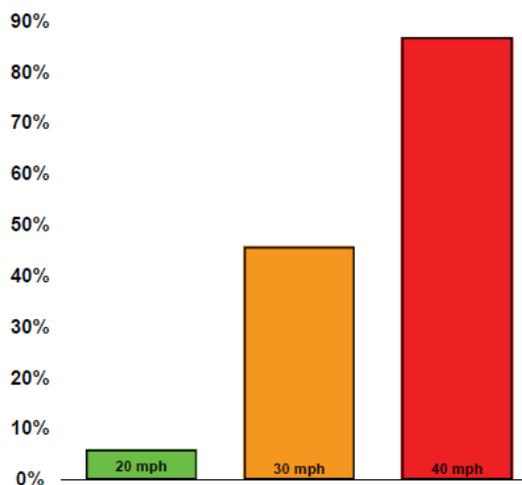
ROUNDBABOUTS & PEDESTRIANS: ARE THEY SAFE?

Roundabouts and traffic signals both rely on drivers to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks. At traffic signals, drivers turning left or right must look for pedestrians and yield to them even when drivers have a green light. Long waits can incite pedestrians to take chances and cross against the signals.

Unlike a traffic signal, the curvature of a roundabout forces even the most aggressive drivers to slow to approximately 25 mph at the crosswalks. Because of these lower speeds, drivers and pedestrians are better able to see and react to each other, and crashes are much less likely to result in serious injuries and fatalities.

Fatality Rate based on Speed of Vehicle

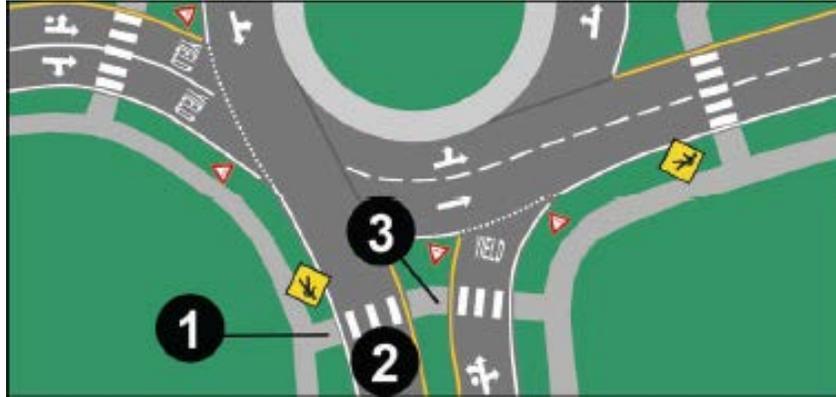
A pedestrian's chance of death if hit by a motor vehicle



Source: U.K. Department of Transportation, Killing Speed and Saving Lives, London, 1987.

HOW TO CROSS AT A ROUNDABOUT

Crossing at a roundabout can be as simple as walking in and out of a grocery store or shopping mall. Much like parking lots, there may be a lot of traffic, but they are all moving slowly and able to react to you.



Source: Washington County, MN, Roundabouts & Pedestrians, Stillwater, 2012.

- 1) As you approach the crosswalk, check for approaching traffic. As a pedestrian, you have the right to wait behind the curb until all traffic passes, or to begin crossing at which point drivers must yield to you. As with any crosswalk, you should not enter the crosswalk when drivers are so close that they cannot safely yield to you.
- 2) Once you step into the crosswalk, you have the right-of-way. Because traffic is moving slowly, drivers can see and yield to you much more easily than most other crosswalks. As with any crosswalk, always make sure that drivers see you, especially at night or when there are multiple lanes.
- 3) When you get to the middle, pause and check for traffic in the other direction. Once again, you may choose to wait until all traffic is clear, or you may enter if there is a gap large enough for drivers to yield to you.

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