

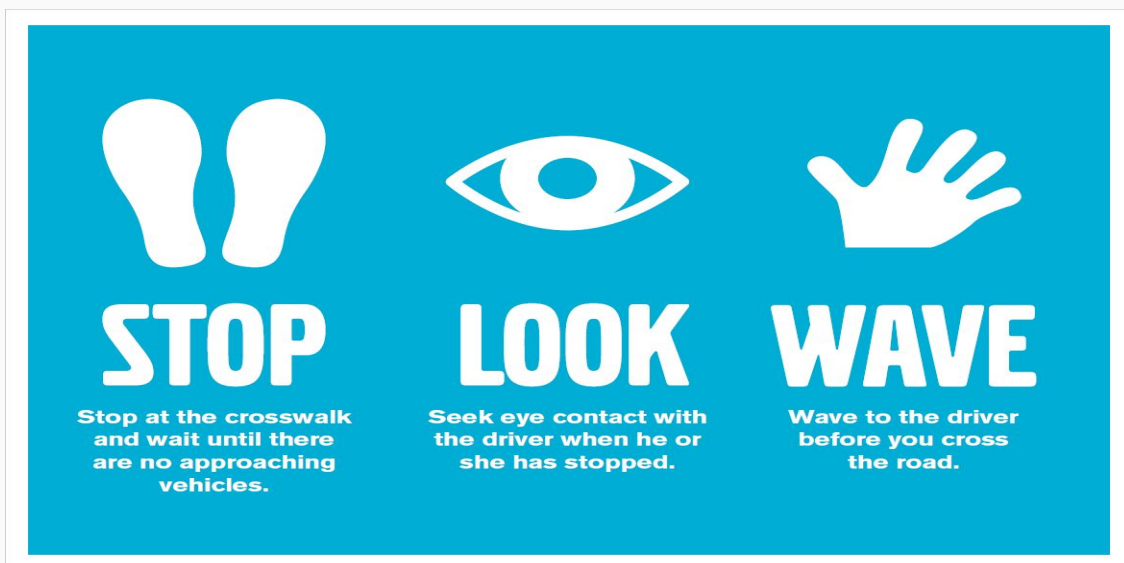


**Happy Fall, Fairfax!**  
November 2021

## Stay Safe Out There! Stop-Look-Wave

As Winter months approach and days are significantly shorter, crossing the street is a lot more dangerous. Drivers and walkers should be aware of the dangers that darkness and how to avoid possible collisions.

Our new [Stop-Look-Wave flyers](#) feature easy to read infographics and a [Spanish language](#) version. Thanks to Colleen Cranna for her help in the redesign..



## Near Miss Data Confirms Speeding, Running Stop Signs, and Failure to Yield are Biggest Hazards

Since the relaunch of the Near Miss Application, near miss incident trends are emerging from the crowdsourced data entry of walkers and cyclists from throughout Fairfax County, Arlington and Alexandria. This includes:

- 57% - failure to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk
- 30% - speeding
- 30% - running stop signs and red lights

**We need to continually add to our data set to build the case for safer streets to local government officials, Virginia Department of Transportation and police.**

Please share the [Near Miss incident reporting form](#) with your family, friends, neighbors and community.

## Join Us for World Day of Remembrance of Road Traffic Victims on Sunday, November 21 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Join victims and survivors of traffic crashes and members from the four Virginia chapters of Families for Safe Streets for World Day of Remembrance. Hear and share stories of tragedy and how to turn them into productive conversations with local and state politicians for building the solutions to save lives.

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RSVP to [Eventbrite](#) and the Zoom credentials will be emailed to you.



## **Giving Tuesday is here!**

Fairfax Families for Safe Streets is participating in Giving Tuesday, the United States' largest day of giving annually for the first time. We would really appreciate your support – at any amount. Please use this [donation link](#) and share with your family, friends and community. Please note in the donation comments "For FFX FSS" Thanks!

## **Be Seen – Be Flashy!**

Our fall giveaway of blinkers is underway! Thanks to Sally Smallwood, Safe Route to School (SRS) Coordinator for Fairfax County Public Schools 500 school students now have blinkers and can be seen when walking to and from school and the bus. Phil Kemelor has distributed 175 to his neighbors in Lake Barcroft in Mason District.

**Can you help distribute blinkers in your neighborhood or to your community groups?**

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Please contact Mike Doyle ([mike@novafss.org](mailto:mike@novafss.org)) if you'd like to help get these blinkers into your community.



## We're Advocating for Your Safety

We're engaging in advocacy work at many levels, including:

- support for the [U.S. Congressional Zero Traffic Fatalities resolution](#), started by National Families for Safe Streets and other interested organizations. Northern Virginia Families for Safe Streets approached Senator Warner, Senator Kaine, and Representative Beyer, who all agreed to co-sponsor the resolution.
  - Writing to the US Department of Transportation in support of changes to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) standards to
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incorporate more pedestrian/vulnerable road user friendlier standards. The MUTCD guides Virginia Department of Transportation road safety design.



Fairfax Families for Safe Streets is a community-based volunteer organization that seeks to make streets safe for walking and biking by preventing crashes with motor vehicles. This is accomplished through working with public policymakers, and community crash prevention activities.



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