

# How Does a Teenager Cross the Road?

**Older teens now account for half of all pedestrian deaths among children 19 and under.** In the last five years, pedestrian injuries among 16-19 year olds increased 25% over the previous five years.

How big a problem is distraction? To find out, Safe Kids observed 34,325 middle and high school students crossing the street in a school zone. Here's what we learned.



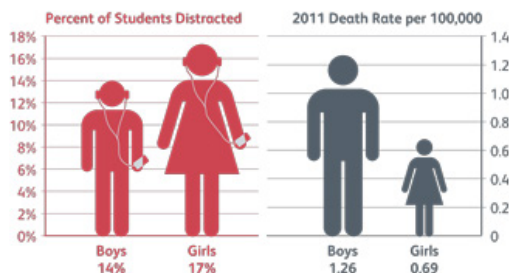
**One in five high schoolers and one in eight middle schoolers were observed crossing the street while distracted.**



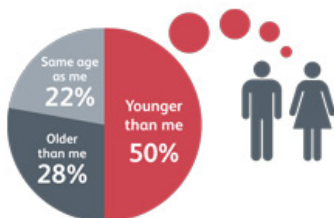
**Teens who were distracted were most frequently texting or wearing headphones.**



**Girls are more likely to walk while distracted, but the pedestrian death rate is 1.8 times higher for boys.**



**78% of teens perceive the most at-risk age group for pedestrian injuries to be one other than their own.**



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