

**Most midblock crashes tend to occur in everyday conditions!**

Here's where our seasoned pedestrians get caught and hurt:

- **Zooming down roads at 30-45 mph** with lots of lanes, just like a hot rod race.
- **Clear skies and dry roads** make for a summer lovin' disaster.
- **Most crashes happen under the moonlight**, with some sneaky ones in broad daylight.
- It's like **missing your cue in the hand jive** – many crashes happen when folks don't give the right of way to a vehicle.



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Center for Transportation Safety

## **Safety Strategies for Senior Pedestrians**



## **The Risks of Midblock Crossings**



Hey, James! Do you know what a **midblock crossing** is?

Yeah, Mary, it's a **special walking zone** that's **not at a street corner with traffic lights or stop signs**. It's usually **marked with crosswalks**, where you can stroll across the road worry-free!



So, what's the big deal?

In 2022, Texas saw a jaw-dropping **6,124 pedestrian crashes**, with **59%** of them taking place at **midblock crossings**!

But there's a twist: older folks are **80% more likely to face fatal injuries** at these spots.

And uh-oh: **over half** of those of midblock crashes with seniors **end in serious injury or worse**!

## Everyday Conditions, Everyday Risks

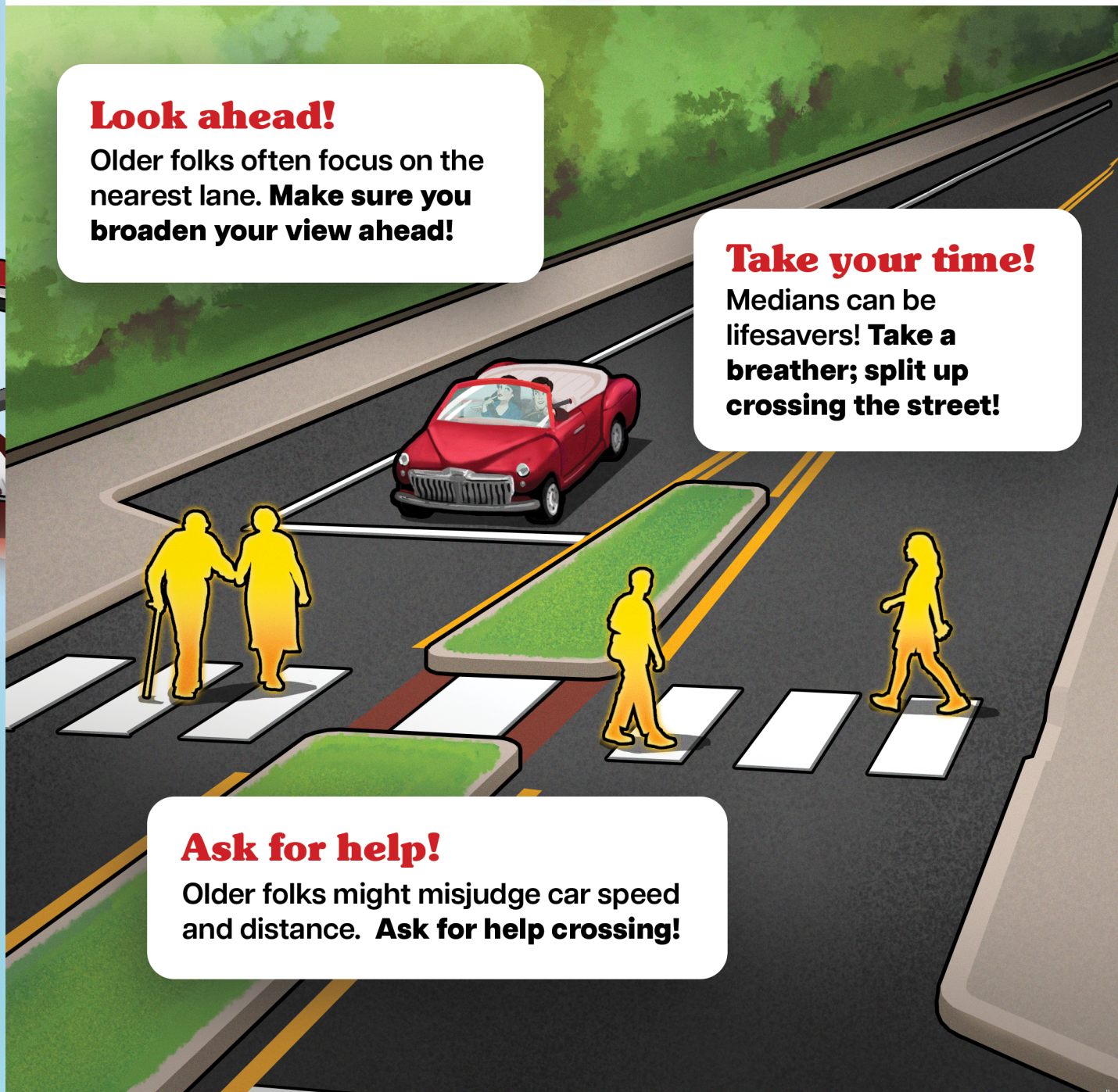
### Stay vigilant!

#### Look ahead!

Older folks often focus on the nearest lane. **Make sure you broaden your view ahead!**

#### Take your time!

Medians can be lifesavers! **Take a breather; split up crossing the street!**



#### Ask for help!

Older folks might misjudge car speed and distance. **Ask for help crossing!**