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### You Never Know

It can never happen to me. That's what we all think, until it does. We take for granted the little things. Those day to day tasks we complete without ever even thinking about it. We assume we're safe because we've done it countless times before, never with any issue. But the truth is, we're not.

How many times have we crossed a crosswalk? Each time is the same. You step out in the street, and because the law says cars have to stop, we assume they will. We're safe from the minute our foot hits the paint to the minute it leaves, because that law says so. But the law isn't going to protect you when it comes down to a car driving straight towards you. Not aware of you because the text they are trying to send is more important than your life right now. Not thinking and not caring about what damage they can do, what consequences, not only for them but how they can forever change another person's life. None of it crosses the mind of the driver, and there lies their fault.

It was about five years ago when my cousin was on a bike crossing the street in a crosswalk just like he had done countless times before. Unaware of the danger right around the corner. Him pedaling, wheels spinning, slowly nearing the crosswalk. The driver accelerating, head down, not paying attention, trying to send a text. And as you

may have guessed the car hit him while he was crossing the crosswalk. It turns out there was not a scratch on him. Not even the bike was damaged in the accident. Yet two days later he was pronounced brain dead. And that was it. I was never going to see him again.