Injury prevention

Pedestrian fatalities occur most frequently on roadways with high speeds and multiple lanes.

The majority of pedestrian fatalities occur during the evening hours of 5 to 11 p.m., during the months of December and January, and when the roadway is dry.

Pedestrian errors include jaywalking, crossing before looking, running to catch a bus or train, and other similar instances.

Pedestrians wearing dark or non-reflective clothing can be difficult to see at dusk or at night.

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“A public unaware of a problem is unlikely to be receptive to available solutions.”
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
What can you do?

At intersections all pedestrians have the right of way to cross at marked and unmarked crosswalks, when the pedestrian crosses appropriately.

All intersections marked, or not, are legal crosswalks.

Crosswalks also exist between intersections (mid-block) if they are marked with white painted lines.

Pedestrians are only allowed to cross the street mid-block at an unmarked crossing if they are 150’ or more from a legal crosswalk.

Before crossing, pedestrians must show intent to cross by extending any part of their body, wheelchair, cane, crutch, or bicycle into the roadway.

Pedestrians need to allow drivers enough time, and distance to stop before crossing.

Drivers: One of the most effective ways to reduce pedestrian fatalities is to drive slowly and be aware.

**SAFETY TIPS**

**Before:**

**Make yourself visible**
Wear bright or contrasting clothes.

**Eliminate distractions**
Put away your cell phone and ear buds.

**Be alert**
Alcohol and other drugs impair judgement, be extra cautious if you’ve been drinking.

**During:**

**Connect**
Make eye contact with drivers.

**Look**
Don’t cross until cars have stopped.

**Cross with caution**
Make sure cars in all lanes have stopped.