

Pedestrian Safety

More than half of all pedestrian deaths and injuries occur when:

- people cross or enter streets,
- one-third occur between intersections.

Both driver and pedestrian errors contribute to these tragedies. Traffic laws and their enforcement are aimed at reducing these statistics.

Pedestrian Definition: 467 V.C.

A pedestrian is someone who is walking or using a human powered device such as a wheelchair, skateboard or rollerskates. Bicyclists are not considered pedestrians.



Pedestrian Rights & Duties: 21950 V.C.

(a) Drivers must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians who are crossing the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection. However, the law does not relieve a pedestrian from taking due care for his or her own safety.

(b) Pedestrians shall not suddenly leave the curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is close and an immediate hazard. While in a crosswalk, pedestrians shall not unnecessarily stop or delay traffic.

Pedestrians must assume the responsibility for their own safety, even within marked crosswalks. A crosswalk is not a guarantee that a driver sees the pedestrian, or is capable of stopping the car in time.



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