Pedestrian Deaths

- There were 6,000 deaths nationwide in 2016.
- That’s an 11% increase from 2015.
- Distracted driving/walking and more mileage are to blame.
- Between 2010 and 2015, traffic deaths rose 6% while pedestrian fatalities rose by 25%.
Crossing Streets

• Cross streets at a corner, using traffic signals where available and crosswalks.
• Always look left, right, and left again before crossing a street, and keep watching as you cross.
• Be especially careful at intersections, where drivers may fail to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians while turning onto another street.
• Make sure you are seen:
  • Make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets.
  • Wear bright colors or reflective clothing.
  • Carry a flashlight when walking in the dark.

General Pedestrian Safety Tips

• Walk on the sidewalk whenever possible.
  • If sidewalks are not available, walk facing traffic on the edge of the road, as far from the travel lane as possible.
• Don’t allow your vision to be blocked by clothing, hats, or items that you are carrying.
• Watch out for parked vehicles.
• Use particular caution when crossing driveways and alley entrances.
• Avoid alcohol and drugs as they can impair your ability to walk safely.
• Don’t use your cell phone.
Motorists need to be vigilant of pedestrians and pedestrians need to be vigilant of motorists. Although motorists have more responsibility under the law when operating a motor vehicle on city streets, pedestrians have more at stake.

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