

Pedestrian Sense

Knowing the facts

Walking is part of a healthy lifestyle — but it can also be a dangerous activity. In 2005, there were approximately 2,200 pedestrian-related crash incidents and 60 police-reported pedestrian fatalities in BC.

Over half of all pedestrian-related crashes occur at intersections and about one quarter take place at crossings with signal lights.



Pedestrian and driver safety tips

By practising the safety tips below, you can protect yourself as a pedestrian and be a safer driver.

Tips for pedestrians

- Make eye contact with drivers, so you know they see you and they know you see them.
- Always be cautious and pay attention to traffic, as drivers may sometimes disobey traffic signals or not stop.
- Use designated crossing points and obey pedestrian traffic signs and signals.
- Look left, right and left again before stepping off the curb.
- Wear bright clothing and at dusk, night or in poor weather, wear reflective material on your arms, legs, shoes, cap or jacket.

Tips for drivers

- Always yield to pedestrians.
- Beware of pedestrians who appear indecisive or inattentive.
- Be alert to vehicles stopped in the lane next to yours. They may be yielding for a pedestrian.
- Beware of pedestrians still attempting to cross the street on a flashing orange pedestrian signal.
- Watch out for pedestrians when backing up your vehicle.
- Always be alert for pedestrians, especially at intersections.

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