Motorists and Pedestrians? Not a Match Made in Heaven!

As motorists, we should always drive defensively, including watching out for the unexpected pedestrian. If we followed the laws of the state of Nevada, we could also reduce the number of pedestrians injured and killed every year.

◆ Don’t run red lights: in addition to a car hitting you, a pedestrian may have already started to cross the street.

◆ Look for pedestrians before making a “right turn on red.” We look to the left to assure no cars are in our lane, but you have to look to the right to make sure a pedestrian hasn’t stepped into the crosswalk.

◆ By law, when cars are stopped as you travel down the street, you have to stop to make sure there is not a pedestrian crossing before you can pass the stopped vehicles.

◆ Be especially careful when you see a bus ahead of you, there may be someone in a hurry to catch a connecting bus that won’t be as careful as they should be. Right or wrong, think about how you would feel if your car hit someone.

◆ Keep your eye on the road! This can be the best defense you have for avoiding crashes and, of course, always buckle up.

Questions?

Have you always wanted to get advice about a particular intersection, report a hazard or potential problem in your neighborhood? Then give us a call. We will be glad to help. The Safe Community Partnership can be reached at UNLV in the Transportation Research Center at (702) 895-1780.

Or go directly to the traffic management department for your city:

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Pedestrian Safety is a Two-Way Street

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When You Don’t Have a Crosswalk

All intersections, with a painted crosswalk or not, are legal places for you to cross the street. They should also be SAFE places for you to cross the street. Motorists expect to see people on foot in intersections, so they are better prepared to look for you.

But you still have to look to the left, the right and then left again before stepping off the curb, and remember, KEEP LOOKING!

When you cross the street mid-block or not at an intersection, legally, you have to make sure that a car is not interrupted while driving by you. If you are hit ... are at fault. Even if the driver is speeding or impaired, you are still at fault because the driver has the right of way.

When walking, always wear bright colors so you can be seen. At night, carry a flashlight or other flashing device that calls attention to you.

Drinking can impair your walking too. Be sure to have a sober friend walk with you and trust their judgement when it comes to whether it is safe to cross the street.