

# Pedestrian Safety Information

Pedestrian safety is paramount, especially with the recent traffic changes in effect throughout the City. Pedestrians need to pay full time attention and not be distracted due to cell phones, misjudging vehicular speed, or making a mad dash. Driver attentiveness is very important as well.

Please take extra precaution when walking or driving. As a pedestrian, use the crosswalks, always wait for pedestrian signals or traffic to completely clear, never wait half-way in the median, and pay attention for turning vehicles. YOUR safety depends on it!

Below is additional information regarding pedestrian safety and statistics:

<http://www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/safety/programs/pedestrian/index.asp>

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/ped/walk1.html>

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/olddrive/SteppingOut/index.html>

## Facts

### *National Statistics\**

- On average, 5,000 pedestrians are killed each year.
- 85,000 pedestrians are injured every year.
- A pedestrian is killed or injured about every 7 minutes.
- In a typical 8-hour workday, 4-5 pedestrians are killed.
- Every day 13-14 pedestrians are killed.
- A "jet-load" (190) of pedestrians are killed every two weeks.
- Everyday, about 232 pedestrians are injured.
- Pedestrian injuries and fatalities result in at least \$20 billion in societal costs.

### *Who dies as a pedestrian?\**

- 60 percent are working adults.
- 23 percent are elderly persons aged 65 or older.
- 17 percent are children up to the age of 20.

### *What role does visibility play?\**

- Approximately 50 percent of pedestrian fatalities occur between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and midnight (a 6-hour window).

*\*Statistics provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System.*