



Pedestrian-Related Injuries

United States (2003)

- More than 4700 pedestrians were killed after being struck by a motor vehicle.
- 54% of pedestrians age 16 and older killed at night (9pm – 6am) had a blood alcohol concentration above the legal limit.
- 17% of all pedestrian deaths and 6% of injuries occurred to older adults ages 70 and older.
- Males comprised 69% of all pedestrian deaths.
- Hit-and-run crashes accounted for 18% of pedestrian deaths.
- The majority (72%) of pedestrians were killed in urban areas.
- 329 child pedestrians under age 13 were killed.



Children are at increased risk for pedestrian-related injuries for several reasons:

- Their smaller size makes them difficult for drivers to see, especially if they are standing between parked cars on the side of the road.
- Because young children are often unable to judge distances and vehicle speeds accurately, they can easily misjudge whether it is safe to cross a street.

Oklahoma

- In 2004, 548 pedestrians were injured and 50 died.
- Oklahoma law states:
 - Pedestrians shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device specifically applicable to him/her, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.
 - Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway.
 - Between adjacent intersections at which traffic-controlled signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.
 - Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic, which may approach from the opposite direction and shall yield to approaching vehicles.

PREVENTION should focus on: Environmental/physical modifications (physical separations, increased illumination, improved signal timing, reducing vehicle speeds, and improving vehicle designs and materials), learning and obeying all traffic laws, and constant adult supervision of young children.