

A photograph of a busy college campus street. In the foreground, a dark blue car is driving away. To the right, a utility pole is covered with various signs, including a yellow diamond-shaped pedestrian crossing sign, a white rectangular sign with a black arrow pointing left, and a green rectangular sign for 'Wild Wood Bakehouse' with 'Gluten Free Cafe' and an arrow pointing right. In the background, there are buildings, traffic lights, and other cars. An orange arrow-shaped graphic points from the left towards the center of the image.

**COLLEGE  
CAMPUS**

**DRIVERS**

An orange arrow-shaped graphic pointing from the right towards the center of the image, containing the text 'SAFETY GUIDE'.

**SAFETY  
GUIDE**

# DATA

## Bicyclist and Pedestrian involved crashes near UT Austin

From 2017 to 2020, there were

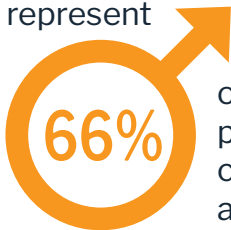
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**reported crashes** that involved a bicyclist or pedestrian within and around<sup>1</sup> UT Austin.

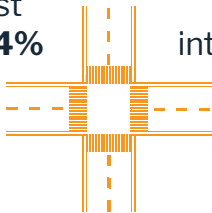
<sup>1</sup> Pedestrian and bicycle crash data (2017-2020) were obtained from the TxDOT Crash Reporting Information System (CRIS) on February 28, 2022.

Males represent



of total bicyclists and pedestrian involved crashes within and around UT's campus.

**55%** of bicyclist crashes and **64%** of pedestrian crashes occurred at



an intersection or intersection relected location where conflicts are most likely to arise.

# ROW

## What is Right-of-Way, and why is it important?

- Right-of-way states who has the right to proceed.<sup>2</sup>
- Following the right-of-way laws reduces the probability of conflict between motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Yielding right-of-way helps reduce confusion which can lead to conflicts and crashes.



# What happens if I do not yield right-of-way?

- You could end up hurting someone else or yourself in a crash.
- Drivers are more likely to injure a bicyclist or pedestrian who have limited to no protection in a crash.
- You could be fined up to **\$200**.  
(Texas Transportation Code Sec. 524.401)





# When are drivers required to yield right-of-way?

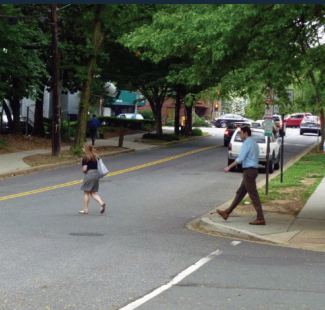


Drivers must stop and yield right-of-way to a pedestrian in a crosswalk if there is no traffic control signal and if a pedestrian is crossing on the same half of the roadway as the vehicle.

(Texas Transportation Code Sec. 552.003)

Vehicles (including bicycles) must stop and yield right-of-way to a pedestrian on a sidewalk when emerging from an alley, driveway, or building.

(Texas Transportation Code Sec. 545.256)



Drivers must stop and yield right-of-way at an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

(Texas Transportation Code Sec. 552.005)



## More Rules of the Road

- Motorists cannot drive a vehicle on a sidewalk or hike-and-bike trail unless authorized (TTC Sec. 545.422).
- Vehicle doors must not be opened on the side available to moving traffic unless the door opening does not interfere with traffic movement. The door should not be open longer than is necessary to load or unload a passenger or cargo (TTC Sec. 545.418).





- Drivers must pass a bicyclist on the left and at a safe distance (TTC Sec. 545.053).
- A driver must exercise caution to avoid a collision with a pedestrian, including a child, a confused person, or an incapacitated person. A vehicle driver may sound the horn if necessary. (TTC Sec. 552.008).

# The Texas Transportation Code is in place to save lives.

The Texas Transportation Code outlines laws of the road, including when road users must yield right of way under certain circumstances.

**Read the transportation code.**



***Know the Code, Longhorns!***