



Drivers on COLLEGE CAMPUSES



What do bicyclist and/or pedestrian involved crashes look like near Texas A&M University?



From 2015 to 2019, there were **369 reported crashes** that involved bicyclist and/or pedestrian in Bryan and College Station (B/CS).¹

¹ Pedestrian and bicycle crash data (2015–2019) were obtained from the TxDOT Crash Reporting Information System (CRIS) on November 30, 2020.



One-third of bicyclists involved in a crash were between 18 and 24 years old.



48% of bicyclist and/or pedestrian crashes occurred at an intersection where conflicts are most likely to arise.

How do I know who has the right-of-way?

The Texas Transportation code outlines when road users must yield right of way under certain circumstances. Find the transportation code here:



What is right-of-way?

Right-of-way states who has the right to proceed.²

²Cornell Law School. (2021). Retrieved from: https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/right_of_way

Why is right-of-way important?

- 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. In addition, you could be fined up to **\$200** (Texas Transportation Code Sec. 524.401).



As a driver, when am I required to yield right-of-way?

- Drivers must 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 yield right-of-way to a pedestrian on a sidewalk when emerging from an alley, driveway, or building (Texas Transportation Code Sec. 545.256).

What else does the Texas Transportation Code say about drivers?

- 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 (Texas Transportation Code Sec. 552.008).
- 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 (Texas Transportation Code Sec. 545.418).
- Drivers must yield right-of-way at an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection (Texas Transportation Code Sec. 552.005).
- Motorists cannot drive a vehicle on a sidewalk or hike-and-bike trail unless authorized (Texas Transportation Code Sec. 545.422).

