

DRIVERS

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DATA

What do bicyclist and/or pedestrian involved crashes look like near Texas Southern University?



More than half

of the pedestrians and bicyclists involved in the crashes

were killed or suffered suspected serious injuries or minor injuries.



Over

52%

of crashes

occurred at an intersection or intersection related location where conflicts are most likely to arise.



More pedestrian- and bicyclist-involved crashes occurred in daylight.

However, the **percentage of crashes in dark conditions was more than 40 percent.**

» Make sure you are **keeping an eye out for vulnerable road users in both light and dark conditions!**



For drivers, the most frequent contributing factor to pedestrian-involved crashes was the **failure to yield the right of way to pedestrian and inattention at bicyclist-involved crashes.**



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What is right-of-way? Why is right-of-way important?



- » Right-of-way states who has the right to proceed.
- » 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.
- » You could be fined up to **\$200.**
(Texas Transportation Code 524.401)
- » **Lisa Torry Smith Act** (Texas Transportation Code 545.428):
A motor vehicle that strikes a vulnerable road user who is legally using a crosswalk or walking along the roadway is guilty of a Class A Misdemeanor if:
 - i. *The pedestrian or person operating a bicycle, motor-assisted scooter, electronic personal assistive mobility device, neighborhood electric vehicle or a golf cart sustains bodily injury.*
 - ii. *The offense is a state jail felony if the vulnerable road user sustains serious bodily injury.*

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As a driver, when am I 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 552.003)

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

(Texas Transportation Code 552.005)



- » 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 545.256)

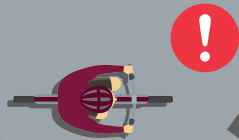


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- » Vehicle doors must not be opened on the side available to moving traffic unless the door opening does not interfere with traffic movement. The door should not be open longer than is necessary to load or unload a passenger or cargo.

(Texas Transportation Code 545.418)





- » Motorists cannot drive a vehicle on a sidewalk or hike-and-bike trail unless authorized.
(Texas Transportation Code 545.422)



- » Drivers must pass a bicyclist on the left and at a safe distance.
(Texas Transportation Code 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. (Texas Transportation Code 552.008)



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