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Topic 216: Driving Safely around Pedestrians and Bicyclists

Introduction: Pedestrian safety is a serious issue. One in six traffic fatalities is a pedestrian. A pedestrian is a person on foot or who uses a conveyance such as roller skates, skateboards, etc., other than a bicycle. Following are safety guidelines to ensure safe driving habits:

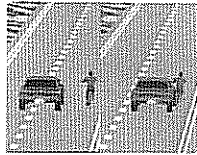
- Drive cautiously when pedestrians are near because they may cross your path.
- Always stop for any pedestrian crossing at corners or other crosswalks.
- Do not pass a car from behind that has stopped at a crosswalk. A pedestrian you cannot see may be crossing.
- Do not drive on a sidewalk, except to cross it at a driveway or alley. When crossing, yield to any pedestrian.
- Do not stop in a crosswalk. You will place pedestrians in danger.
- Remember; if a pedestrian makes eye contact with you, he or she is ready to cross the street. Yield to the pedestrian.
- Pedestrians have the right of way at corners with or without traffic lights, whether or not the crosswalks are marked by painted white lines.

Crosswalks: A crosswalk is that part of the pavement where the sidewalk lines would extend across the street and it is set aside for pedestrian traffic. Every intersection has a pedestrian crosswalk whether or not there are painted lines on the street.

- Most crosswalks are at corners but they can also be in the middle of the block. Before turning a corner, watch for pedestrians about to cross the street. **Pedestrians have the right of way in crosswalks.**
- Crosswalks are often marked with white lines. Yellow crosswalk lines may be painted at school crossings.
- Most often, crosswalks in residential areas are not marked. Look for children and be prepared to stop.

Bicycle lanes: A bicycle lane is shown by a solid white line along either side of the street, four or more feet from the curb. The white line will usually be broken near the corner and the words "BIKE LANE" will be painted in the lane. When you are making a right turn and are within 200 feet of the corner or other driveway entrance, you must enter the bike lane for the turn.

- Do not drive in the bike lane at any other time.
- You may park in a bike lane unless a "No Parking" sign is posted.
- Pedestrians are not allowed in bike lanes when sidewalks are available.
- When passing a bicyclist, pass on the left. If you are in a narrow traffic lane, wait until the traffic clears in the opposite lane before passing a bicyclist. Do not squeeze past the bicyclist.



Bicycles: Bicyclists on public streets have the same rights and responsibilities as automobile drivers. Bicyclists are part of the normal traffic flow and are entitled to share the road with other drivers.

- Bicyclists are lawfully permitted to ride on certain sections of freeways, when signs are posted. Be careful when approaching or passing a bicyclist on a freeway.
- Drivers must look carefully for bicyclists before opening doors next to moving traffic or before turning right.
- Safely merge toward the curb or into the bike lane. Do not overtake a bicyclist just before making a right turn. Merge first, then turn.

Left turn against a red light on a one-way street only: Signal and stop for a red traffic light at the limit line or corner. You may turn left into a left-moving one-way street if there is no sign to prohibit the turn. Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists moving on the green light.

Right turns: To make a right turn, drive close to the right edge of the road. If there is a bike lane, drive into the bike lane no more than 200 feet before the turn. Watch for bicyclists who may get between your vehicle and the curb. Begin signaling about 100 feet before the turn. Look over your right shoulder and reduce your speed. Stop behind the limit line. Look both ways and turn when it is safe.

Right turn against a red light: Signal and stop for a red traffic light at the limit line or at the corner. If there is no sign to prohibit the turn, you may turn right. Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists moving on their green light.

Conclusion: Always know what is ahead. To avoid last minute moves, look down the road 10 to 15 seconds ahead of your vehicle so you can see hazards early. Constantly staring at the road just in front of your car is dangerous. As you scan ahead, be alert for children playing around the area you are driving in. Use your mirrors. Utilize these safety guidelines, as often as possible, to ensure safe driving habits.

Work Site Review

Work-Site Hazards and Safety Suggestions: _____

Personnel Safety Violations: _____

Employee Signatures: _____
(My signature attests and verifies my understanding of and agreement to comply with, all company safety policies and regulations, and that I have not suffered, experienced, or sustained any recent job-related injury or illness.)

City of San Angelo Foreman/Supervisor's Signature: _____

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