

Pedestrian Safety Best Practices

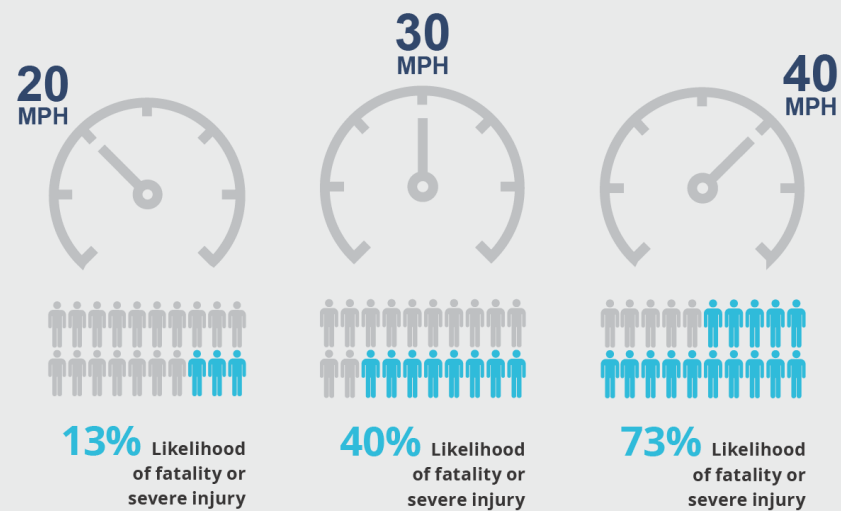
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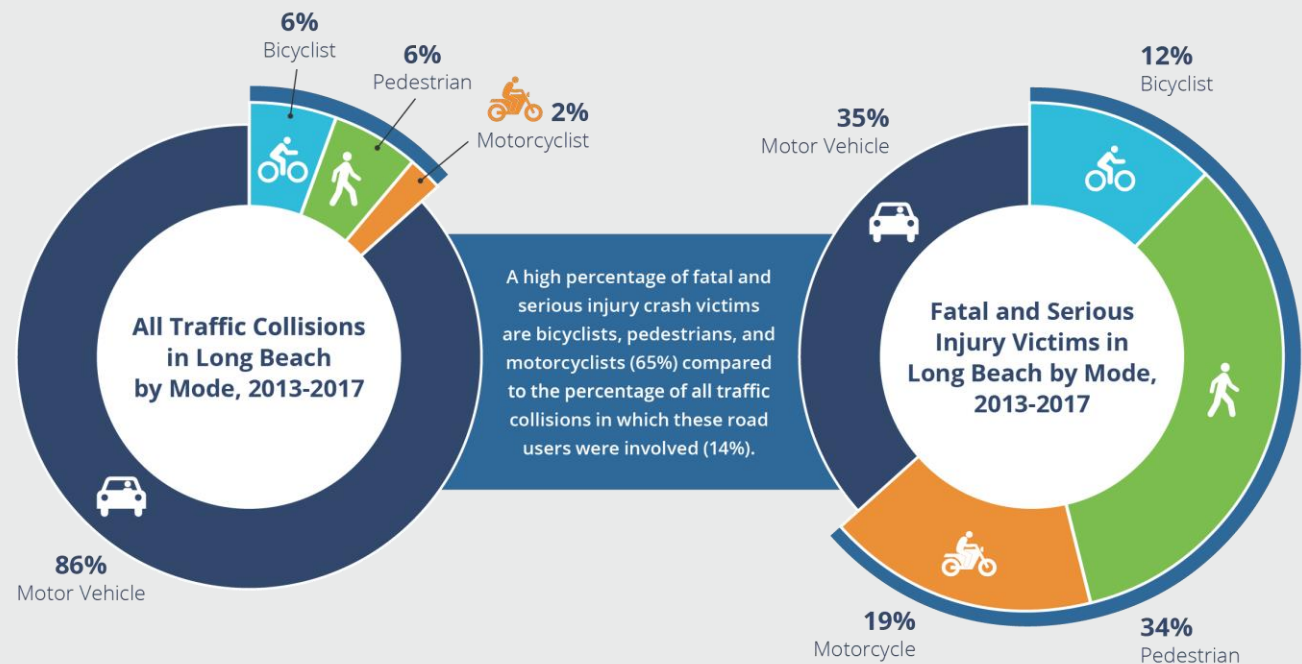
Pedestrian Related Data

Figure 4. How Speed Kills - Relationship between Motor Vehicle Speed to Pedestrian Fatalities and Serious Injuries

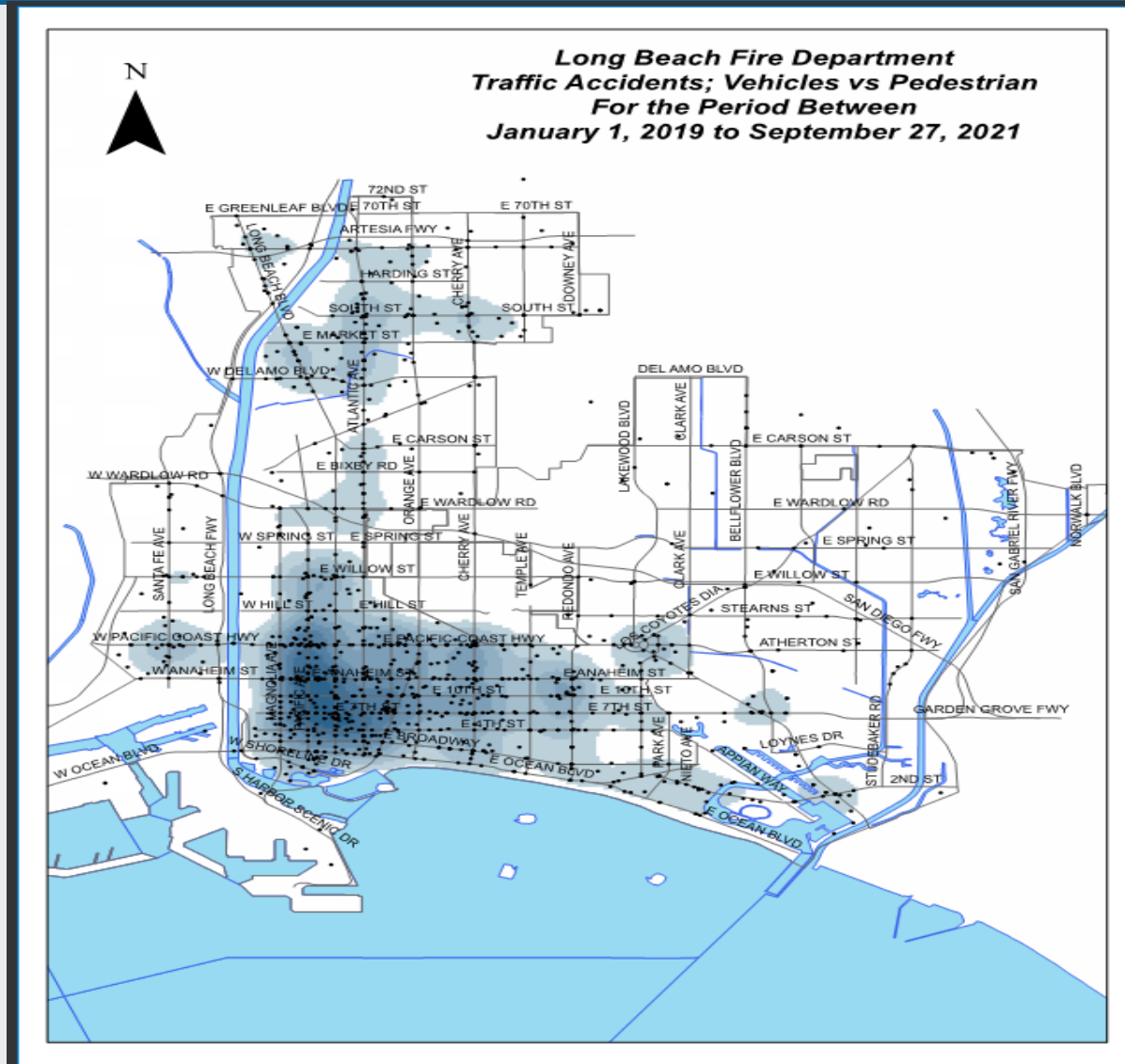


Source: Tefft, Brian C. Impact speed and a pedestrian's risk of severe injury or death. Accident Analysis & Prevention. 50. 2013.

Figure 2. All Traffic Collisions Compared to Fatal and Serious Injury Collisions



Traffic Accidents – Vehicles vs. Pedestrians



Driver Responsibilities – Part 1

- **Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times.** Safety is a shared responsibility.
- Understand the **rights of pedestrians**.
- **Slow down** and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
- Stop behind crosswalks and **yield to pedestrians**.
- **Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk.** There may be people crossing that you are not able to see.



Driver Responsibilities – Part 2



- **Never drive under the influence** of alcohol and/or drugs.
- Always **follow the speed limit**, but ***especially when there are people on the street.***
- Follow **slower speed limits in school zones** and in neighborhoods where children are or may be present.
- **When turning right on red, come to a complete stop** and scan for all traffic, including pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or during bad weather.

Safety Tips for Pedestrians



Keep your **eyes up**, and your **phone down**



Look left, right, and left again before crossing the street



Always walk on sidewalks.
If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.



Do not run or dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.



Make eye contact with drivers before crossing.

Pedestrian Signal Indications



A steady **WALK** signal indication means that a pedestrian is **permitted to start crossing the roadway** in the direction of the signal indication. Turning vehicles must yield.



A **flashing DONT WALK** signal indication means that **a pedestrian must not start to cross** the roadway, but any pedestrian who has *already started* to cross must finish crossing or wait in pedestrian refuge area.



A **steady DONT WALK** signal indication means that **a pedestrian must not enter the roadway** in the direction of the signal indication.

- Pedestrian walk time – *What is it?*

Additional Resources



GoSafelyCA.org/bicycle-pedestrian-safety/



longbeach.gov/GoActiveLB/

HOW TO BE A GOOD PEDESTRIAN



We're all pedestrians. We walk to the park, to the store, to school and even to and from the car in parking lots. As you get older, you're also more likely to be walking on your own in areas with higher traffic. You should be just as careful when you're walking as you are when you're on your bike. Follow these important tips to stay safe when you walk:

WALKING SAFELY ON BUSY STREETS

- 1 Follow the rules of the road, and obey signs and signals.
- 2 Walk on sidewalks, whenever they are available.
- 3 If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far left as possible.
- 4 Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- 5 Always cross the street at a crosswalk or intersection with a stop sign or signal to ensure drivers can see you.
- 6 Don't dart between parked cars.
- 7 Look for cars in all directions, including those going straight, or turning.
- 8 If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.
- 9 Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.
- 10 Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight when it's dark.
- 11 Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.

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Thank you

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