Pedestrian Safety

Being a pedestrian can be risky business. According to the National Traffic Safety Administration, a pedestrian is injured in a traffic related collision on average every seven minutes. Below are a few simple guidelines that may help promote an increased level of awareness for pedestrians.

**PeDESTRIANS:**

◊ **Remember the law!** Pedestrians should cross at marked crosswalks and obey ALL traffic control devices. Unless specifically directed by a traffic control device, pedestrians should not cross diagonally in an intersection (RCW 46.61.240). Violators are subject to a $56 fine.

◊ **Wear Bright Clothing.** Remember that drivers may have difficulty seeing you - Especially in the dark.

◊ **Watch for Obstructions.** Be particularly cautious when stepping out from behind parked cars, poles and buildings that may hide you from a driver’s sight.

◊ **Stop and Look Both Ways Before Crossing the Street.** Never run into the street.

◊ **Walk Facing Traffic**

**Drivers:**

◊ **Remember to Yield!** Pedestrians have the legal right of way in all intersections, whether marked or not (RCW 46.61.261).

◊ **Remain Alert.** With all of the distractions inside your car, remember to pay close attention to the pedestrians around you.

◊ **Right Turns.** Look for oncoming traffic and for pedestrians before making a right turn.

◊ **LOOK!** Use caution when approaching unmarked intersections.

◊ **Obey** school zone traffic laws!

For emergencies, call 911