



Safety Corner

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SHARE THE ROAD



On average, 265 bicycle and 600 pedestrian crashes are reported to local law enforcement each year in; approximately 2,700 pedestrians and bicyclists are injured every year in region, and of those numbers...89 were killed. Pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities accounted for 23% of the total traffic fatalities. What's disappointing is that many of these fatalities could have been avoided. By exercising some caution and extending some common courtesies, future tragedies can be avoided. The following tips should help drivers, bikers and walkers share the road and get where they're going safely. Here are some Tips for Drivers, Cyclists & Pedestrians

Tips for Drivers Drivers are reminded to turn on vehicle headlights at dusk and be vigilant in looking out for cyclists and pedestrians. Additionally, drivers should:

- Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks.
- Slow down and obey the posted speed limit.
- Yield to pedestrians and cyclists when turning.
- Look before opening your door.
- Be careful when passing stopped vehicles.
- Allow three feet when passing bicyclists

Tips for Cyclists When travelling on streets, cyclists should follow the same rules of the road as motorized vehicles. This means stopping at stop signs; obeying traffic signals and lane markings; and using hand signals to let others know your intention to stop or turn. Furthermore, cyclists are advised to be aware of their surroundings:

- Don't wear headphones; you need to be able to hear if a car is approaching.
- Slow down and check for oncoming traffic before entering any street or intersection
- Do your best to anticipate hazards and adjust your position in traffic accordingly.
- Be predictable: ride with the flow of traffic, on the right, and in a straight line – not in and out of parked cars on the side of the street.
- Be visible and wear the proper protective gear

Tips for Walkers/Runners Whether you're going for an afternoon stroll, commuting to work on foot, or getting some exercise, walking and running are great activities. However, it's important to pay attention. When walking or exercising, especially in the early morning or at dusk or dark, pedestrians should keep the following tips in mind:

- Use signaled crosswalks when possible. Use extreme caution when crossing at intersections without signals.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Never run between cars into the street.
- Wear clothing that allows drivers and people to see you. That means no dark clothes after dark or early in the morning.
- Keep alert! Dawn and dusk offer convenient shadows for muggers and other crooks.
- Runners are also reminded to ALWAYS carry identification with them when they go out

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MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL SAFETY MEETINGS

Please remember, monthly departmental safety meetings must be documented and attendance rosters turned into Brenda Rebo. Attendance rosters should be turned in at the conclusion of each monthly safety meeting. The county will continue to conduct quarterly dinner gift certificate drawings for employees of departments who have 100% attendance at their monthly safety meetings. Employees attending all 12 departmental safety meetings shall be eligible for a safety incentive award at the end of the year.



1st Quarter Dinner Winner

Alfred Wright (Troy Refuse)
Nate Scofield (LCSO)
Stacey Walenter (Libby Library)
Judge Jay Sheffield (JP)
Jeanne Osler (County Nurse)

