

PORT ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Recently there have been several crashes involving students, both pedestrian and bicyclist, in our community. The safety of pedestrians and bicyclists within our community is a top priority of the Port Orange Police Department. We strive to continually educate the public on traffic safety laws and regulations. As part of this commitment, the Port Orange Police Department has compiled this educational safety information for all.

National Bicyclist and Pedestrian Statistics:

- There were a total of 4,092 pedestrian fatalities in 2009, the 14-and-younger age group accounted for 244 (6%) of those fatalities.
- In 2009, an estimated 59,000 pedestrians were injured; 13,000 of those were 14 and younger.
- A total of 630 bicyclists were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2009. The 14-and-younger age group accounted for 74 (12%) of those fatalities.
- In 2009, an estimated 51,000 bicyclists were injured in motor vehicle crashes; 8,000 (17%) of the bicyclists who were injured were age 14 and younger.

Bicyclist and Pedestrian Laws and Safety Tips:

- F.S.S # 316.2065(3) requires a bicycle rider and passenger less than 16 years of age to wear a helmet that is properly fitted and fastened securely that meets a nationally recognized standard.
- A bicyclist may not wear a headset or other listening device while riding. This is also recommended for pedestrians.
- A bicyclist riding in the roadway must adhere to all vehicle regulations including driving on the right side of the roadway (in the same direction as vehicles) and obedience to all traffic control devices such as stop signs and traffic lights.
- Lamps must be used on a bicycle after sunset.
- If a marked bicycle lane is provided, bicyclists must use the bicycle lane.
- A bicyclist riding on a sidewalk or in a crosswalk must adhere to all pedestrian regulations.
- If available, pedestrians must use the sidewalk and may not walk in the roadway. This also applies to persons on a skateboard.
- If no sidewalks are available, pedestrians must walk on the left side of the shoulder in relation to the pedestrian's direction of travel facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.
- Pedestrians may not cross mid-block and must yield to vehicles when not crossing in a marked crosswalk.
- Pedestrians must use a marked crosswalk if available or is reasonable nearby.
- Pedestrians may not enter a crosswalk when an approaching vehicle is so close as to make it difficult to safely yield to the pedestrian.
- **When crossing or entering a marked crosswalk, do not assume that you are safe just because you may have the right-of-way. Ensure that you are seen by the driver of the vehicle, be ready to move quickly to avoid being struck and always be aware of your surroundings.**

For more bicycle and pedestrian safety information please visit: www.floridabicycle.org and www.dot.state.fl.us/safety or contact the Port Orange Police Department Traffic Safety Unit at 386-506-5838.