



National Safety Council

Position/Policy Statement

Pedestrian Safety

The National Safety Council urges all governmental jurisdictions to adopt and conduct a comprehensive program for pedestrian safety which incorporates the following elements:

1. Assign responsibility for pedestrian safety at each governmental level.
2. Uniform and comprehensive reporting and analysis of pedestrian collisions that would allow the identification of pedestrian accident problems, including training of police on investigation of pedestrian accidents.
3. Public education for all pedestrian age groups and drivers on how to walk safely in and near traffic with special emphasis programs for older adults and children.
4. Pedestrian safety instruction in pre-school and child day care facilities along with instruction in the classroom for grades K-5.
5. Pedestrian safety awareness as part of driver education programs.
6. Provision of safe access to and from school, which includes anytime school is open for attendance, based upon joint efforts of community and traffic engineers, police and fire departments, parents, and school authorities, including "Safe Route to School" planning and operation, which may include adult crossing guards and school safety patrols.
7. Land use and facilities planning to provide a pedestrian "friendly" environment.
8. Traffic engineering study and improvements.
9. Uniform pedestrian laws and ordinances.
10. Enforcement of regulations relating to the safety of pedestrians.
11. Categorical funding and priority program status for Section 217 funding at the national level for pedestrian safety.

12. Work zone traffic controls, educate drivers and those who work on roadways, DOT, police and fire departments, and others engaged in roadway traffic control of the work site.

The National Safety Council urges all governmental jurisdictions to initiate, organize and implement ongoing comprehensive community-based pedestrian safety programs, such as the **WALK ALERT** National Pedestrian Safety Program and the Pedestrian Protection Programs of the American Automobile Association.

This position statement reflects the opinions of the National Safety Council but not necessarily those of each member organization.

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