



# INDIO POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

"Our Community... Our Commitment"

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Indio, Calif. – October is National Pedestrian Safety Month and the Indio Police Department encourages the public to remember that everyone is a pedestrian.

"Always be on the lookout for pedestrians. They are at a disadvantage without the same safety features as vehicles. We must foster safer walking environments so those on foot can travel safely."

The number of pedestrians killed has grown by about 50% over the past decade, with 6,283 pedestrians killed in traffic crashes nationwide in 2018, or one traffic-related pedestrian death every 84 minutes.

Excess speed, poor lighting, crossing outside crosswalks and impairment are the main factors that lead to a pedestrian being struck by a vehicle.

The Indio Police Department offers the following tips for drivers and pedestrians:

### *Drivers*

- Slow down on busy streets and intersections.
- Always look for pedestrians in intersections. Stop and allow pedestrians to cross. Pedestrians have the right-of-way at all marked or unmarked crosswalks.
- Stay off the phone and avoid other distracting behaviors such as eating, grooming, or using in-dash touch screens.
- Do your best to not block crosswalks making a right-hand turn.
- Keep headlights on at night and be extra careful when pedestrians are harder to see.

### *Pedestrians*

- Obey signs and signals. Try to cross at marked crosswalks, preferably at stop signs or signals where cars expect to see pedestrians.
- Make eye contact and nod or wave at drivers. A quick nod or wave is an easy way to let a driver know you see them, and they see you.
- Get in the habit of walking with a flashlight or wearing a reflective vest at night so it is easier for drivers to spot you.
- If you need to briefly walk into the street to maintain social distancing on sidewalks, look both ways for passing cars.



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