

SEPTEMBER IS

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH

"Think Two Steps Ahead"

September is Pedestrian Safety Month, and California continues to see more and more pedestrians being injured or killed on our roads. The Burbank Police Department is working with law enforcement agencies across the state to promote safe behaviors that allow drivers and those on foot to get where they need to go, safely.

Together with the California Office of Traffic Safety, the Burbank Police Department is offering the following safety steps for both drivers and passengers to keep everyone safe:

For Pedestrians:

- **Look** left-right-left before crossing the street. Watch for cars turning and obey all traffic signals.
- Only cross the street in **marked crosswalks**, preferably crosswalks at stop signs or those controlled by traffic signals.
- **Avoid distractions.** Stay off the phone while walking.
- Make **eye contact** with drivers. Don't assume drivers can see you.
- **Be seen.** Wear bright clothing during the day and use a flashlight at night.
- Always walk **on the sidewalk**. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the shoulder, facing traffic and as far away from cars as possible.
- Do not walk near traffic after **drinking alcohol** or **using drugs** that affect judgment and coordination.

For Drivers:

- Follow the **speed limit**. The higher the speed, the longer it takes to stop.
- Never drive **distracted** or **under the influence** of alcohol and/or drugs.
- **Look** out for people walking, especially at night and in poorly lit areas.
- Pedestrians have the **right of way** at crosswalks, even if there is not a stop sign or traffic signal. Prepare to **stop** when a pedestrian enters a crosswalk.
- **Avoid blocking** the crosswalk when attempting to make a right-hand turn.
- Be careful **backing up** and when leaving parking spaces in shopping centers with heavy foot traffic.



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