O CONTROL OF THE SAFETY.

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Each October the U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration team together with other safety partners to focus awareness on pedestrian safety. Pedestrian safety is a serious concern that goes beyond jaywalking and other adverse behavior. In 2023 over 7,000 pedestrians were killed in traffic accidents, while an additional 68,000 pedestrians were injured. In fact, pedestrians make up 18% of all traffic deaths.

For more information about pedestrian safety, please visit NHTSA.gov/Pedestrian.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP REDUCE PEDESTRIAN VEHICLE INCIDENTS?

- Slow down! Follow the speed limit, especially around schools and high-foot-traffic areas.
- Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions – 77% of pedestrian fatalities occur in the dark.
- Always stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Look out for pedestrians everywhere and minimize blind spots.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk or enter a crosswalk before scanning for pedestrians from both sides.
- Be extra cautious when backing up and look for pedestrians.

If you are out walking be sure to walk on sidewalks when available, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, look in all directions for cross traffic, and watch for cars entering or exiting driveways.

October is especially timely as more pedestrians will be out towards the end of the month for Halloween, when there will likely be more pedestrians on the roads and in unexpected places as families go trick-or-treating.

ATTENTION EMPLOYEES!

- *Employees may wear their orange shirt and jeans or their regular uniform on this day.
- *GO ORANGE days are not a dress down day, so union shirts are not permitted on these days.
- *If an employee does not have an orange shirt that Topeka Metro provided you, let your supervisor know as soon as possible! *Other orange tee shirts that are not Topeka Metroissued are not permitted.



