



Pedestrian Safety

Situation

Recently, the Garrison Safety Office received a near miss report where a vehicle failed to stop at a crosswalk on post, nearly striking a pedestrian. Remember, pedestrians have the right of way at all crosswalks on post! Generally, bicycles do not have the right of way on crosswalks - operators should dismount and walk across to have right of way.

Example



Info

Pedestrian Reminders:

- **Be Visible**. Especially during periods of poor visibility (nighttime or inclement weather).
- Stay Alert. Don't be a distracted walker. Put phones down and keep your head up.
- Unplug. No earbuds around roadways. Your ears are some of your best safety tools!
- Follow Rules. Never assume drivers will give you the right of way. Always make eye contact.

Driver Reminders:

- Slow Down Way Down. Give yourself time to observe, process, detect and react to hazards.
- Stay Alert. Mindfully observe. Keep your eyes on the road. Put phones down and out of reach.
- Watch Out. Be on the lookout for pedestrians and bicycles. Safety is a shared responsibility.
- Stop at Crosswalks. Train yourself to actively look for pedestrians in/approaching crosswalks.
- Turn Carefully. Look in all directions before taking a turn. Be prepared for the unexpected.
- Be Vigilant. Especially around stopped/parked vehicles. People can step out and surprise you.
- Follow Rules. Obey the speed limit. Use extra caution in hard-to-see conditions.
- Reflect. If you have a near miss, take a minute to debrief why did you miss seeing that person? What was the situation? Driving distracted? How can you prevent it happening again?

Action

- Remember... Share the Road: It's Everyone's Responsibility.
- Questions? Contact the GSO by Email or call 596-3832 / 3132 / 3133 / 3134.