**Semper Safe**

**Pedestrians Safety**

Pedestrian crashes and the resulting deaths and injuries are a serious problem on our roadways. Many of these crashes are the result of unsafe motor vehicle driver and pedestrian behaviors. Most of us are pedestrians at one time or another. We usually take for granted that we can walk without incident, because most of the time we do. Nationwide, an average of 6,500 pedestrians are killed annually. According to a recent press release from the Jacksonville Police Department; “Two people in our community recently lost their lives while crossing busy roadways”. The Jacksonville Police Department also released the statistics and safety tips below.

 . Each year in NC between 150 and 200 pedestrians are killed, and an additional 500 are

 seriously injured. Nearly half of these happened at non-intersection locations

 . Alcohol was suspected in 15% of all pedestrians struck.

 . 41% of all pedestrian crashes occur between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

 . The most frequent crash type involving pedestrians is Pedestrian Failed to Yield.

 . From 1997 thru 2010, pedestrians were solely at fault in 30% of all motor vehicle vs. Pedestrian crashes.

 Pedestrians

 . Be predictable and alert. Stay away from freeways and restricted zones. Use sidewalks! If there is no

 sidewalk, walk on the side of the road facing traffic. Cross or enter streets where it is legal to do so.

 . Crosswalks and traffic lights do not **stop** cars**!** The WALK signal does not mean it is safe to cross.

 It only means it is your turn to cross. Check to make sure all traffic has come to a stop before crossing.

 . When crossing the street, be sure to allow yourself enough time to do so safely. Make eye contact to be

 sure drivers can see you before you begin to cross.

 . Look before stepping past stopped vehicles, they may be blocking your view of moving traffic.

 . Wear light or bright clothes to be seen day or night. At night, wear reflective materials.

 Portable headphones, earphones, or listening devices that block both ears are prohibited on base

 except on approved jogging trails (MCIEAST-MCB CamLej Safety Department)

 Drivers

 . You can encounter pedestrians anytime and anywhere; be alert!

 . Pedestrians can be hard to see, especially in bad weather or at night. Slow down if you can't see

 clearly.

 . Always come to a complete stop at the stop line.

 . Stop for pedestrians who are in a crosswalk, even if it is not properly marked.

 . Be extra attentive and slowdown in school and work zones and in neighborhoods where children

 are active.

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