



Saint Paul *Rules of the Road*

Speed and inattentive driving are the two biggest factors in pedestrian accidents. Let's do our part to reduce traffic crashes and improve driving within the City. It starts with us!

Drive the speed limit

As speed increases:

- Braking distance is greater and the time to stop is longer.
- Your field of vision narrows making it much harder to see pedestrians out of your peripheral vision.
- The likelihood of fatality or serious injury goes up exponentially.

Be Alert

- Driving in an urban environment is a busy place with all kinds of users – drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, buses and trucks using the same roadway. With intersections approximately every 300' – 600' there are many opportunities for conflicts.
- Motorists must stop at least 20' from a school bus that is displaying flashing lights and the stop arm extended.
- Keep an eye out for school crossing patrols and pedestrians and watch your speed for safety.
- Take extra care around playgrounds, schools, and in neighborhoods. These are places where the conflicts are likely.
- Do not text while driving. It is illegal for drivers to read/compose/send text messages and emails, or access the Internet using a wireless device while the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic. Texting and using your cell phone are distracting and take your eyes off the road.

Crosswalks

- Stop for pedestrian – the law applies to all street corners, for both marked and unmarked crosswalks (all street corners). Every corner is a crosswalk.
- State law also says that there is No Parking within 20' of a crosswalk whether it is marked or not. It is also against the law to park within 30' of a stop sign or traffic signal. These parking rules are in place to improve the line of sight for pedestrians. Seeing is the first step in stopping!

Want more information? Visit the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety website: www.dps.state.mn.us/ots

