



City of Missoula
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PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ENFORCEMENT ACTION SET FOR WEDNESDAY

The Missoula Police Department will conduct a Pedestrian Crossing Emphasis Patrol Aug. 29 in an extra effort to enforce pedestrian crossing laws within the city limits. The emphasis will be in the downtown business area and high-foot-traffic areas to reduce pedestrian-vehicle crashes. An important point of this enforcement will be to educate both drivers and pedestrians regarding crossing laws and their respective responsibilities. With that in mind, enforcement of the laws related to yielding and crossing will be part of this concentrated enforcement.

The overall goal of this action will be to increase safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers in the area. The Police Department reminds everyone that they are not alone on Missoula's roadways. The streets of Missoula are heavily used by many forms of transportation, including motor vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians and wheelchairs, and everyone needs to be aware of their surroundings and the people around them. This educational and enforcement effort will

continue through the fall season, when pedestrian traffic throughout Missoula increases with the return of college students and the beginning of the school year.

The rules are basic:

- **Drivers** of cars and other motor vehicles must stop for pedestrians.
- **Pedestrians** must cross at crosswalks.
- **Bicyclists** must yield to pedestrians, the same as motor vehicles.

Any questions regarding pedestrian laws and responsibilities can be directed to the Missoula Police Department Traffic Office.

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