

Pedestrian Safety

Facts About Pedestrian Injuries

- ◆ In the U.S., a child is killed in a pedestrian crash every 90 minutes.
- ◆ In San Diego County, pedestrian injuries are a leading cause of death to children in all age groups, but children from five to nine years of age are at highest risk.



- ◆ The number of pedestrian injuries is highest during September and October when kids are returning to school.

Pedestrian Safety Tips

What to expect from young children

- ◆ Children under the age of 10 are not able to make good decisions about their safety. They need help from an adult.
- ◆ Children do not think before they act, especially when they are playing.
- ◆ If children see a car, they think that the driver sees them.
- ◆ Children cannot judge speed, direction or distance very well.
- ◆ Children are small. It is harder for them to see traffic and for drivers to see them.



Parents CAN make a difference

- ✓ Always hold a child's hand when crossing the street.
- ✓ Never let a child under 10 years old cross the street alone.
- ✓ Do not expect older children to watch younger children. A responsible adult needs to be with a young child **AT ALL TIMES**.
- ✓ Find safe areas for your children to play, away from cars.



- ✓ Always cross in a crosswalk or at an intersection. Do not cross between parked cars. Remember, children learn from what they see.

- ✓ Use signals correctly, walk only on the green "walk" sign.

- ✓ Teaching your child to look both ways before crossing is **NOT** enough. Talk to your child about making eye contact with the driver to make sure the driver has seen him.

