

Pedestrian Sense

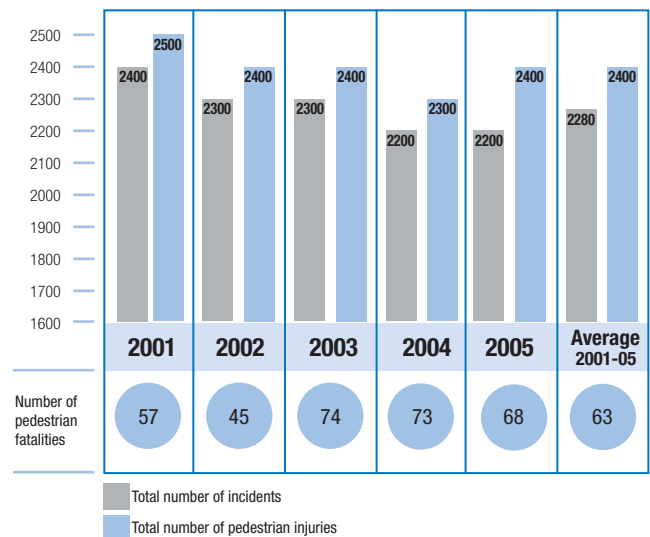
Trends

2005 pedestrian-involved crash incidents in B.C.

- There were 2,200 pedestrian-involved crash incidents, approximately the same as 2004*.
- 68 pedestrians were killed, down from 73 in 2004.
- Approximately 2,400 pedestrians were injured, up from 2,300 in 2004*.
- Top contributing factors assigned to drivers and pedestrians (as a percentage of total pedestrian collisions):
 - Drivers:
 1. Driver inattentive – 31 per cent
 2. Failing to yield right of way – 19 per cent
 3. Driver error/confusion – 13 per cent
 4. Weather (fog, sleet, rain, snow) – eight per cent
 - Pedestrians:
 1. Pedestrian error/confusion – 16 per cent
 2. Alcohol – four per cent
 3. Failing to yield right of way – two per cent.
- Of the 68 pedestrians killed, 39 per cent were over the age of 60, 12 per cent were between 21 and 30 and one per cent were under 16.
- Of the 68 pedestrians killed, 37 per cent were female and 63 per cent were male.

*ICBC Data. Rest Police Data

Pedestrian incidents, injuries and fatalities (2001 - 2005)



- Most pedestrian-involved fatalities occurred in November; on a Thursday; between 12:01 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 53 per cent of pedestrian-related incidents occurred at intersections; 47 per cent of these crashes occurred at intersections with signal lights.

2005 fatality count is not fixed.
Fatality data continues to settle over time.

Driver tips

- Always yield to pedestrians (it's the law).
- When approaching any intersection be alert and scan left and right for pedestrians.
- If a vehicle is stopped in front of you or in the lane next to you, they may be yielding for a pedestrian, so be alert and be prepared to stop.
- Be aware of pedestrians who appear indecisive or inattentive they might dart out or wander onto the roadway.
- When backing up, always watch for pedestrians. Before getting into your vehicle, make it a habit to walk around your vehicle to make sure no small children are behind your vehicle.

Pedestrian tips

- Remove headphones, put away cell phones or other electronic devices when crossing a street. Use your full attention so you'll be able to see, hear and respond safely to what is happening on the roadway.
- Make eye contact with drivers, so you both know you see each other.
- Always be cautious and pay attention to traffic, as drivers may sometimes disobey traffic signals or not stop.
- Use designated crossing points and obey pedestrian traffic signs and signals.
- Before stepping off the curb, look left and right for oncoming vehicles. Then look left again over your left shoulder for vehicles that may be turning onto the roadway from beside or behind you.
- Wear bright or light coloured clothing. At dusk, night or in poor weather, wear reflective material on your clothing (sleeves, shoes, cap or jacket).

Pedestrian crosswalk beacons

Flashing pedestrian crosswalk beacons are becoming more commonplace across British Columbia. Here are some tips for drivers and pedestrians:

- All pedestrian crosswalks operate the same whether or not they have flashing beacons. Drivers are required to stop once someone has entered the crosswalk.
- The flashing beacons help catch the attention of drivers to let them know pedestrians want to cross or that pedestrians are currently walking within the crosswalk.
- The beacons do not guarantee that vehicles will stop. It's important that drivers and pedestrians make eye contact with each other.



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