



## **Traffic Safety News**

### ***From the Delaware Office of Highway Safety***

## **Pedestrian Safety**

**Don't Join The Walking Dead.** That is the new message OHS along with their traffic safety partners are conveying to pedestrians across Delaware.

### **What you need to know**

Walking safely is really just about using your brain. When people walk around mindlessly, they get hurt or killed. Out of all the deaths that occur on Delaware roadways, 1 in 4 is a pedestrian death. And for every pedestrian killed, 12 more are injured. Did you know....

- There were 30 pedestrians killed on Delaware roadways in 2012.
- The typical pedestrian victim in 2012 was a male over the age of 25.
- 80% of the pedestrian injuries and fatalities occurred in New Castle County, and the majority of those were in the Wilmington area.
- Alcohol use is the top contributing factor in our state's pedestrian deaths.

### **What you can do**

Here are some things you can do to avoid joining the walking dead:

- Do not walk under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Cross only at crosswalks or intersections with signals or traffic signs.
- Do not step into a crosswalk if it will create a hazard to motorists, even though you have the right of way.
- Use sidewalks. If there isn't a sidewalk, walk facing traffic as far off the edge of the road as possible.
- Carry a flashlight or other reflective item when walking at night.
- Do not hitchhike.

To learn more about pedestrian safety, visit [www.ohs.delaware.gov/pedestriansafety](http://www.ohs.delaware.gov/pedestriansafety).

**WalkSmart. Arrive Alive DE.**

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