



**Did you know?**  
Lima and Allen County are ranked No. 1 with the highest rate of bicycle crashes and pedestrians hit by a vehicle among areas in Ohio of similar size.

## MOVE Safe as a Pedestrian

The number of pedestrians dying from crashes in Ohio is on the rise. Most of these crashes are in urban areas. Many of these crashes are caused by low visibility and distracted drivers. People that are distracted while walking on streets and roads also cause some crashes.

There are laws people need to follow when walking on streets and sidewalks, but there are also duties and responsibilities to follow as well. For example, people walking must obey traffic signs and signals as well as yield to all motor vehicles when not crossing at a crosswalk. Drivers must yield to people on sidewalks and in crosswalks.

**People walking on streets and sidewalks always need to be careful whenever motor vehicles are close by.** Always be alert to drivers' actions and watch out for drivers who aren't paying attention.



## MOVE Safe as a Bicyclist

Under Ohio law, bicycles belong on the roadway, not on the sidewalk. **Bicyclists may use the full lane. So, motorists and bicyclists must share the road safely.** To safely pass a bicyclist on the road, drivers must give at least 3 feet of space. About half of all crashes of cars and bikes are caused by the cyclist. Bicyclists, like motorists, must obey all traffic laws.



When riding a bicycle in traffic, ride defensively and be alert for potential dangerous situations. Ride confidently to avoid, and stop, a collision before it happens. Always be alert to escape routes.

Check your local rules for bicycle laws specific to where you live. Some places do not allow adult bicyclists to ride on the sidewalks.