

Some interesting facts about pedestrian safety:

- In San Francisco, an average of less than 2 pedestrian/motor vehicle collisions occurs each day.
- Speed matters – it's important to drive slowly on neighborhood streets. In collisions with motor vehicles, a pedestrian has:
 - An 85% chance of fatality at 40 mph,
 - A 45% chance of fatality at 30 mph, and
 - A 15% chance at 20 mph.
- Cross at intersections and in crosswalks: 33% of all pedestrian/motor vehicle accidents occur in the middle of a block.

(US Department of Transportation "Focusing on the Child Pedestrian")

Children are especially at risk:

- Pedestrian/motor vehicle collisions are the second leading cause of fatal injuries among 5-12 year olds in California.
- In pedestrian/motor vehicle accidents involving children younger than 15, 35% of deaths happened between 3 and 6 p.m.

(California Highway Patrol, *Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System*, 1999)