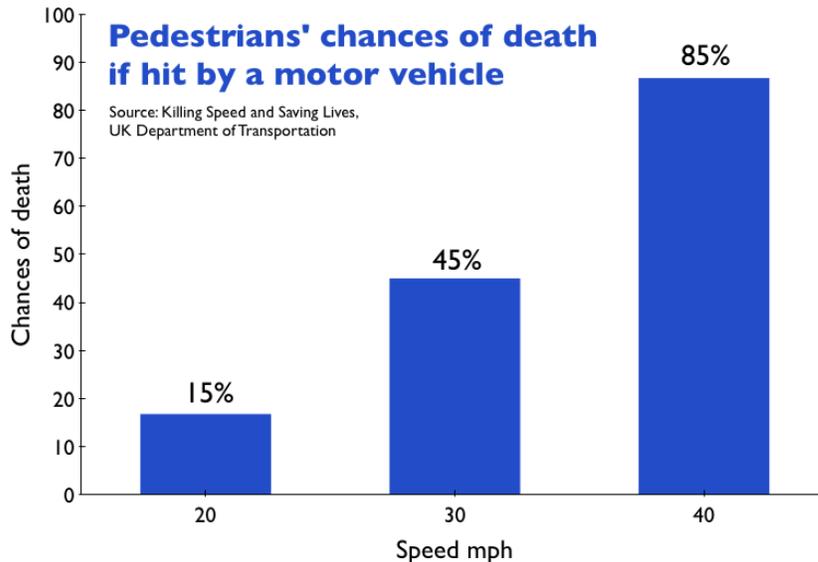


Drivers Helping Pedestrians

As a vehicle driver (which includes bicyclists), you can help pedestrians stay safe.

1. Keep your speed to the posted speed limit, or lower, depending on conditions. Think about the following chart. No matter whose fault a collision may be, we all want the pedestrian to survive.



2. You may not enter a crosswalk until the pedestrian is finished using it. Though it may seem safe to you, passing directly behind a pedestrian scares them, and makes them reluctant to walk. If there is a median barrier (curb) in the street, you can pass once the pedestrian is on the other side.
3. Every intersection has crosswalks from each corner, whether they are painted or not, unless there is a sign prohibiting crossing, so expect pedestrians to be crossing at each and every intersection.
4. If someone is clearly waiting to cross, yield and let them cross. The law does not require that you yield until the pedestrian steps off the curb, but common courtesy and maintenance of a friendly, livable, walkable community does require it. However, be aware that other drivers may break the law and not stop, so if you see this about to happen, do your best to warn the pedestrian.
5. Come to a full and complete stop at every stop sign and every red light.
6. Be especially careful on right turns. Pedestrians may not look behind, or may cross when it is not their turn. Fear of right-turning vehicles keeps many people from walking.
7. Be aware that young children may not yet have the skills to make the best crossing decisions, older children may undertake risky behavior, and older or disabled persons may have limited perception and move more slowly. Give these people extra leeway.