

be the share the road driver



One in four deaths on Maryland's
roads is a pedestrian.

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Educational Tips for Drivers and Pedestrians

- At some point of the day, everyone is a pedestrian, and we all share the duty of keeping people safe.
- When driving:
 - Always drive the speed limit and expect the unexpected.
 - Watch for people crossing the street.
 - Slow down when nearing crosswalks and intersections.
- It's important to take steps to keep yourself safe while walking:
 - Always cross a street at a crosswalk whenever possible.
 - Wear bright and/or reflective clothing while walking.
 - Make eye contact with drivers when crossing the road.
 - Use sidewalks when available.
 - Walk facing opposing traffic, if no sidewalk is present.
 - Be aware of your surroundings.
 - Avoid using electronic devices, which can cause distractions.

Maryland's Pedestrian Safety Laws

- TR 21-901: A driver in violation of the law (distracted, speeding, impaired, etc.) who causes serious injury or death of "vulnerable individual" (pedestrian, bicyclist, emergency responder, etc.) may face:
 - Up to \$2,000 in fines.
 - Mandatory court appearance.
 - Participation in mandatory safety course.
 - 150 hours of community service.
 - Suspension of driver's license.
- TR 21-506: A pedestrian must use a sidewalk when provided.
- TR 21-503: When not at a marked crosswalk or an intersection, always give vehicles the right-of-way.
- TR 21-502: Drivers must come to a complete stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.