

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



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Schools in session—slow down

The Modesto Police Department wants to remind everyone that school is back in session. Please slow down and look for pedestrians and bicyclists. Below are some tips for drivers and pedestrians. Talk with your students about these safety tips.

Drivers can:

- Look out for pedestrians, especially in hard-to-see conditions such as at night, early morning or in bad weather.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or entering a crosswalk where pedestrians are likely to be.
- Stop at the crosswalk stop line to give drivers in other lanes an opportunity to see and yield to the pedestrians too.
- Be cautious when backing up – pedestrians, especially young children, can move across your path.

Pedestrians can:

- Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road, cross at crosswalks or intersections, and obey signs and signals.
- Walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible if there is no sidewalk.
- Pay attention to the traffic moving around you. This is not the time to be texting or talking on a cell phone.
- Make eye contact with drivers as they approach. Never assume a driver sees you.
- Wear bright clothing during the day and reflective materials (or use a flashlight) at night.
- Look left-right-left before crossing a street.

