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# Why Are More Pedestrians Being Hit by Cars?

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# Alarming Rise in Pedestrian Deaths

## Sharing the Road Safely

Pedestrian deaths in the United States are on the rise, prompting serious concern and action. According to Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), drivers struck and killed at least 7,508 people walking in 2022 – the highest number since 1981, and an average of 20 deaths every day. The White House recently announced a grant of \$44.5 million to the Department of Transportation to improve pedestrian safety on our roads.

### Why Are More Pedestrians Being Hit by Cars?

**Distracted Driving:** Smartphones and in-car technology cause drivers to take their eyes off the road - texting, talking on the phone, adjusting the radio - potentially leading to a collision.

**Speeding:** Faster speeds give drivers less reaction time and increase the severity of crashes and pedestrian fatality.

**Poor Road Design:** Some roads might lack proper crosswalks, sidewalks, or lighting, making it difficult for pedestrians to navigate safely.

The White House grant is a positive step towards improving pedestrian safety. Here are some potential solutions:

**Stricter Enforcement of Traffic Laws:** Cracking down on distracted driving and speeding can deter dangerous behaviors.

**Improved Road Infrastructure:** Investing in better sidewalks, crosswalks, and pedestrian-friendly lighting creates safer spaces.

**Public Awareness Campaigns:** Educating both drivers and pedestrians about safety practices is crucial.

### Sharing the Road: Safety Tips for Drivers and Pedestrians

#### DRIVERS:

- **Minimize Distractions:** Put down your phone and avoid activities that take your eyes off the road. This includes texting (illegal), talking on the phone, eating, or adjusting the radio.
- **Obey Speed Limits:** Slow down, especially in areas with pedestrians like school zones and crosswalks.
- **Yield to Pedestrians:** Always yield the right-of-way to pedestrians in crosswalks, marked or unmarked. Be aware of pedestrians waiting to cross and those already in the crosswalk.
- **Look Out for Pedestrians:** Stay alert, especially at intersections, near parked cars, and in areas with limited visibility.
- **Use Headlights at Night:** Even in well-lit areas, headlights make you more visible to pedestrians.
- **Watch Out For:** Be extra cautious around children, older adults, and people with disabilities.

#### PEDESTRIANS:

- **Increase Visibility:** Wear bright clothing or reflective gear at night or in low-light conditions.
- **Use Designated Crosswalks:** Always cross the street at designated crosswalks, even if the light isn't flashing. Look for crosswalks with pedestrian signals for added safety.
- **Stay Alert:** Put down your phone and avoid wearing headphones that block out traffic sounds. Be aware of your surroundings and pay attention to oncoming vehicles.

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# Knowledge is Power

## LEARNING LEGALESE!

### Burden of Proof in a Personal Injury Lawsuit

The burden of proof is the requirement of the plaintiff in a personal injury lawsuit to bring sufficient evidence that the allegations he or she made are true. In a personal injury lawsuit, the plaintiff has the burden to prove the defendant was negligent and the defendant's negligence caused injuries/damages to the plaintiff. The burden of proof in a civil claim is known as the "preponderance of the evidence" which means the plaintiff must prove that the negligent conduct of the defendant "more likely than not" caused the claimed injuries/damages to the plaintiff. This is a lower burden of proof than in a criminal case which requires the issues to be proven "beyond and to the exclusion of every reasonable doubt". The burden of proof is higher in a criminal case because the defendant's freedom is at stake. ■



## HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

### Rest, Recharge, Reignite: The Rise of Recovery Rituals

The days of pushing through pain, relying solely on ice packs, and glorifying "no rest days" are fading. Athletes and fitness enthusiasts alike are embracing a new mindset: prioritizing recovery for peak performance and longevity. This shift has ignited a spotlight on dedicated recovery strategies, making foam rolling, targeted stretching, and mindful sleep as important as the workout itself.

Why the focus on recovery? It's simple: neglecting it leads to chronic aches, fatigue, and increased injury risk. By incorporating foam rolling to release muscle tension, static or dynamic stretches to enhance flexibility, and prioritizing quality sleep to repair and rebuild tissues, athletes are experiencing:

- Reduced muscle soreness and quicker recovery times
- Improved range of motion and flexibility
- Enhanced performance and injury prevention
- Boosted energy levels and mental clarity

This recovery revolution isn't just about fancy tools and trendy



practices. It's about listening to your body, respecting its limits, and understanding that rest is as vital as effort. So, whether you're a seasoned athlete or a weekend warrior, add these recovery rituals to your routine and watch your performance, and well-being, skyrocket. Remember, sometimes the best training session is the one you never took. ■



# Don't Skimp on Security

## Uninsured Motorist Coverage in Tough Times

In uncertain economic times, it's tempting to cut costs wherever possible. However, one area where you should never compromise is your insurance coverage, particularly uninsured motorist coverage.

When there is a shaky economy, there is a greater chance that you might encounter uninsured drivers on the road as people struggle to afford insurance premiums. Without uninsured motorist coverage, you could find yourself financially vulnerable in the event of an accident caused by an uninsured or underinsured driver. This is something we have seen more and more in recent times.

Here's why it's crucial to keep this coverage, even on a tight budget:

**Unexpected Expenses:** Accidents can leave you with hefty medical bills and lost wages. Uninsured motorist coverage helps cover these costs if the at-fault driver has no insurance.

**Peace of Mind:** Knowing you're protected from the financial burden of an uninsured driver accident provides peace of mind while you and your family are on the road.

**It's Affordable:** Uninsured motorist coverage is typically a relatively inexpensive add-on to your existing car insurance policy.

Don't let a difficult economy leave you vulnerable. Even if you're tightening your budget, skipping out on uninsured motorist coverage is a gamble that could leave you facing significant financial hardship down the road. Instead, consider it an essential investment in your financial security and well-being, providing crucial protection when you need it most.

Talk to your insurance provider about uninsured motorist coverage and ensure you and your family have the protection you deserve.

If you have questions regarding your insurance policy, or are unsure about your auto insurance coverages, contact us at 561-366-9099. ■



## Sharing the Road Safely

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- **Make Eye Contact with Drivers:** Before crossing a street, make eye contact with drivers to ensure they see you.
- **Don't Jaywalk:** Cross only at designated areas and wait for traffic to come to a complete stop.
- **Be Predictable:** Walk in a straight line, don't dart out, and avoid erratic movements that could confuse drivers.

- **Avoid Impairment:** Don't walk under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

By working together and following these safety tips, we can create safer roads for everyone. Remember, sharing the road is a responsibility we all share. ■

## Firm News

# Great News! Our Website is Now Accessible to Everyone!

We're thrilled to announce that our website, **murrayguari.com**, is now fully compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. This means that our website is accessible to everyone, regardless of their abilities.

### What does WCAG and ADA Compliance Mean?

WCAG and ADA are sets of guidelines that ensure websites are designed and developed to be user-friendly for people with disabilities. By following these standards, we've made our website more accessible for individuals who use:

- Screen readers
- Speech recognition software
- Magnification tools
- Assistive keyboards
- Other assistive technologies



### What This Means for You:

This enhanced accessibility means everyone can now easily navigate our website and access the information they need. Here are some of the benefits:

- Improved User Experience: A user-friendly website ensures a smooth experience for all visitors.
- Equal Access to Information: Everyone can now access the legal resources and information we offer.
- Inclusivity: We are committed to providing a welcoming and inclusive online environment for everyone.

### Our Commitment to Accessibility:

We are dedicated to continuous improvement and ensuring our website remains accessible to all. If you encounter any accessibility issues while browsing our website, please don't hesitate to contact us at 561-366-9099. We appreciate your feedback and will work diligently to address any concerns. ■

## Thank You For Your Confidence And Trust In Us

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**M** Michael Fewquay



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