

New York State Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) *Fact Sheet for Courts*



Pedestrian Injuries and Fatalities in New York State

Annually, approximately 300 pedestrians are killed and 15,000 injured by motor vehicles each year on NYS roadways, and more than 3,000 pedestrians are admitted to the hospital. This accounts for ¼ of all motor vehicle related deaths in NYS.

What is the New York State's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP)?

- In June 2016, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the first-ever, comprehensive pedestrian safety plan in NYS. The five-year, multi-agency initiative provides \$110 million to improve safety for pedestrians.
- The PSAP is being implemented cooperatively by the *New York State Department of Transportation* focusing on engineering and infrastructure improvements, the *New York State Department of Health* conducting public education and awareness campaigns, and the *Governor's Traffic Safety Committee* coordinating increased law enforcement.
- PSAP targets improvements in 20 focus communities in 12 counties outside of New York City: Albany, Dutchess, Erie, Monroe, Nassau, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Rockland, Schenectady, Suffolk and Westchester counties.

Pedestrian-Motor Vehicle Crashes

Key Contributing Factors and Findings

- mid-block crashes are most common
- speed is a factor on pedestrian survival (chance of death @ 40mph=85% vs. 20mph=5-10%)
- most crashes involve pedestrian error
- crashes frequently happen at night
- The top *driver* contributing factors were inattention and failure to yield.
- The top *pedestrian* contributing factors were pedestrian error, pedestrian failed to yield, and alcohol impairment.

Law Enforcement and Pedestrian Safety

Operation "See! Be Seen!"

In June of each year, law enforcement efforts are conducted to improve pedestrian safety. Law enforcement in the 12 counties where focus communities reside are being trained on pedestrian and driver violations, and how to conduct pedestrian safety mobilization efforts.

Law enforcement provides educational materials, warnings and/or tickets to pedestrians and drivers during this effort.

- Law enforcement issues "*See! Be Seen!*" tip cards to pedestrians and drivers to assist with the education and awareness campaign.
- *Obey the Law* warning cards highlight the consequences for violating pedestrian related vehicle and traffic laws.

This fact sheet was developed to help notify local courts before pedestrian safety mobilization efforts begin. This prepares the courts for an increase in pedestrian and driver citations. To learn more, please visit:

www.ny.gov/pedsafety.