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# The Jackson Quarterly



## Pet Licensing

Dogs and Cats must be licensed in the Village of Jackson. Tags are available by mid-December and announcements will be made on the Village website, Facebook, and digital sign when tags arrive. You may license your pet if their rabies vaccine is valid at the time of licensing, *even if it expires during 2026*. A license application (available on the website or included with your tax bill) must be submitted annually for each pet, and a rabies vaccination report must be presented when licensing your pet.



Remember.....

**2025 tags EXPIRE on December 31st!**

- Dogs \$15 / \$10 (Spayed or Neutered)
- Cats \$10 / \$7 (Spayed or Neutered)
- Questions? Call 262-677-9001

## Property Taxes

Property tax bills will be mailed by December 15th. Residents may pay the first installment or full amount of their 2025 taxes at the Jackson Municipal Complex Administration Offices no later than January 31st, 2026.

## Save The Dates

### **Trick-or-Treat in the Village**

October 26th 5:30-7:30PM

### **Christmas Tree Lighting**

Jackson Municipal Complex

December 5th 5:30-7PM



## Keep Our School Zones Safe!

- **Slow Down** - Drive 15MPH when children are present.
- **Be Alert** - During school drop-off and pick-up times.
- **Always Yield** - Crossing guards and pedestrians have the right-of-way in crosswalks.

Together, we can ensure our school zones remain safe places for students, families, and staff.

## Election News

The 2026-2027 Election Cycle is right around the corner and election workers are needed! To serve your community in this capacity you must meet specific requirements per Wis. Stat. §7.30. You may sign up and find details at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) or by emailing [jackie.schuh@villageofjacksonwi.gov](mailto:jackie.schuh@villageofjacksonwi.gov) or calling 262-677-9001.

### 2026 Election Schedule

- February 17, 2026 Spring Primary (if needed)
- April 7, 2026 Spring Election
- August 11, 2026 Partisan Primary
- November 3, 2026 General Election



## Ballot Access Information

Three trustee seats will be on the ballot at the April 7, 2026 Spring Election. Residents interested in running for office can find detailed information about ballot access at [elections.wi.gov](http://elections.wi.gov). Candidate packets are available for download at [villageofjacksonwi.gov](http://villageofjacksonwi.gov) or can be picked up in person at the Administration Office in the Jackson Municipal Complex. Call 262-677-9001 with questions.

Important dates for potential candidates:

- **December 1, 2025** - First day to circulate nomination papers per Wis. Stat. § 8.10(2), Wis. Admin. Code EL § 6.04(2).
- **January 6, 2026 (5PM)**- Final turn-in date for completed nomination papers, declaration of candidacy and campaign registration statements.

## WELCOME TO JACKSON! NEW BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

- **Wisconsin Horticultural LLC** N168W20542 Main Street - CBD Retail
- **A1 Outdoor Services LLC** W208N16761 S. Center Street -Tree Removal/Service
- **Avanti Nails Salon and Studios** W194N16747 Eagle Drive Suite M - Nail Salon
- **Pharmscript** N171W21840 Caymus Court - Wholesale Pharmacy

### Winter Parking Rules

Seasonal on-street parking is strictly prohibited from December 1st to April 1st between the hours of 2AM and 6AM. This facilitates rapid and economical snow removal and salting. Call the



Jackson Police Department Non-Emergency Line at 262-677-4949 with all questions about parking.

### 2025 Fall Curbside Collection

Curbside brush chipping and bagged yard waste collection will continue weekly on Mondays from October through November, or until the first major snowfall.

- **Leaf Disposal:** Rake leaves into biodegradable paper bags and place them at the curb for pickup. Do not rake leaves into street gutters - this is prohibited and may result in a municipal citation.
- **Brush Guidelines:** Stack brush neatly at the curb in a pile no larger than 4 feet high x 4 feet wide x 4 feet deep.
- **Yard Waste Passes:** Available Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM at the Public Works Building located at W194N16660 Eagle Drive.

Questions? Call the Department of Public Works at 262-677-0707.

### Water Main Flushing

Did you know that flushing water mains improves the quality of your water service? To keep the system in peak operational condition, Jackson Water Utility has scheduled flushing of the entire water system October 13th-17th, between the hours of 7AM and 3:30PM.

Brief interruption of service is possible. If service remains off for longer than 30 minutes please call Jackson Water Utility at 262-677-0707.



The rusty-looking water after flushing the mains is safe to use and drink. You could see it in your toilets or tap water. To dissipate the color, run the water in your tub or sink, and flush your toilets until the water runs clear. No need to call unless the color persists.

### Jackson Police Department

#### Drug Take-Back Day

To ensure proper disposal, the Jackson Police Department will collect unused, expired, or no longer needed prescriptions and over-the-counter medications in the form of tablets, capsules, patches, and/or pills, on Saturday, October 25th from 9AM - Noon. The drive-thru collection will take place at the Jackson Municipal Complex located at N168W19851 Main Street on the west side of the Police Garage.



Officers will be standing by to collect acceptable drug items with no questions asked. Please **NO** liquids, intravenous solutions, syringes, sharps and/or illegal drugs.

To find more information regarding Drug Take-Back or which medications are accepted or not accepted, call the Jackson Police Department non-emergency line at 262-677-4949. Thank you for disposing of your medications responsibly!

### Jackson Municipal Complex Safe Zone

Your safety is important to us ! The **Safe Zone** is an area between the two sets of glass doors at the entrance of the Municipal Complex. It is designed to give you immediate protection from any dangerous situation at the push of a button. Here's how it works:

- On the wall to the left of the phone is a green button that says "**PUSH**".
- Press the button once to activate the safety system. The doors will lock and you will be secured inside the bulletproof vestibule.
- Use the phone on the wall to inform dispatch that you are locked in the **Safe Zone** at the Jackson Municipal Complex and you need police assistance.
- **NOTE:** If you press the button a second time, the safety feature is deactivated and the doors will unlock. You may exit the **Safe Zone** with or without unlocking the doors. If you leave without unlocking them, however, you cannot get back in.

The **Safe Zone** is available to any adult or child in need, but should only be activated in emergency situations. Activating the locks and leaving could render the area useless to a person in need of protection.

Please familiarize yourself with the **Safe Zone** location when you visit the Municipal Complex. Call 262-677-4949 if you have questions regarding this safety feature of the building.



## From the Desk of the Village President . . .

Greetings,

As we transition from hot, humid summer days to crisp, frosty fall mornings, and next to winter, I hope you will be able to get out and enjoy things around the Village. I personally enjoyed seeing the parks bustling with the activity of the pickleball, tennis, and basketball courts, the walking path around Hickory Lane Park, the disc golf course, the all-inclusive playground, beer gardens, and.....I could go on and on. The Village of Jackson has so much to offer!

I also enjoy the conversations I have with Village residents. A recent conversation I had led to some great questions about how our water and sewer utilities are structured. It made me realize that others in our community may have similar questions, so I'd like to take a moment to explain how these systems work and how they fit into the bigger picture of Village operations.

First, it's helpful to understand that the Water Utility and the Wastewater (Sewer) Utility operate like two separate businesses owned by the Village. Each utility has its own budget and operates independently from the general operations of Village government.

### Water and Sewer Bills

When you pay your water and sewer bill, you are directly funding the operations of these two utilities. These utilities' expenses are not paid by property tax dollars; they are paid entirely by the user fees collected from customers. That money goes toward maintaining infrastructure, covering operational costs, and keeping the systems running smoothly.

### What Do Property Taxes Pay For?

Your property tax dollars, on the other hand, support the general operations of Village government, which includes services like:

- Police
- Fire and EMS
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Works
- Garbage/Recycling
- General Administration

In addition to property taxes, the Village also receives income from other sources such as state-shared revenues and funding from Washington County, which help support our budget and operations.

If you have additional questions or want to learn more about another topic, please feel free to reach out to me at [brian.heckendorf@villageofjacksonwi.gov](mailto:brian.heckendorf@villageofjacksonwi.gov) or 262-423-7282. I would love to talk to you!

Moving Jackson Forward,

Brian J. Heckendorf  
Village President

### Zoning Code Update

The Village has launched a 14-month process to update its zoning regulations, the rules that guide how land can be used and developed in our community. This important effort will modernize the code, make it easier to understand, and ensure it reflects our long-term goals. Check out this webpage for more details and stay tuned for opportunities for public input.



### Questions or Comments?

Email Administrator Jen Heidtke at [jen.heidtke@villageofjacksonwi.gov](mailto:jen.heidtke@villageofjacksonwi.gov) if you'd like to submit a question or comment related to the Quarterly. An expanded version of the Jackson Quarterly may also be found on the Village website at [www.villageofjacksonwi.gov](http://www.villageofjacksonwi.gov) under "Community."

### Communicate With Your Elected Officials

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Jackson Community

# Trick *or* Treat

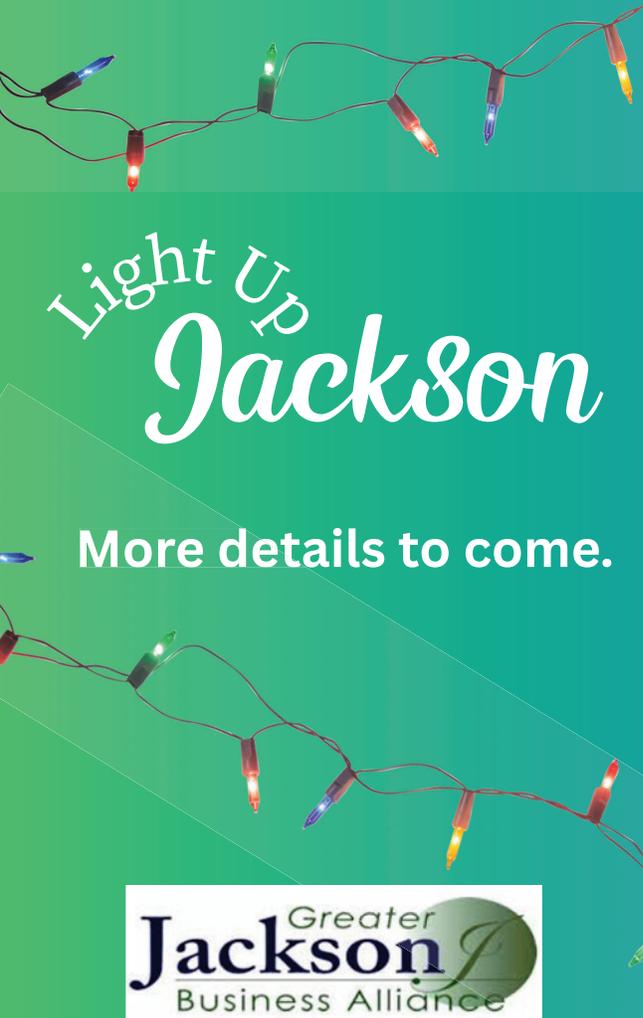
Sunday, October 26th  
5:30-7:30pm




2025-2026  
**JACKSON**  
PARKS & RECREATION

## FALL/WINTER ACTIVITY GUIDE

VOLUME 49



Light Up  
**Jackson**

More details to come.




### VILLAGE OF JACKSON CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Friday, December 5th  
5:30pm to 7:00pm

- \*SANTA & Photo Opportunities
- \*Personalized Family Ornaments
- \*Performances by: the Jackson Jingers, the JCC Youth Dancers, the JCC Early Learners, & More

CODE: 0014




#### 2025 PERSONALIZED ORNAMENTS

Order your personalized 2025 Village Tree Ornament to be displayed on the Village Tree. We'll have your ornament at the JCC for pickup the week before Christmas and you will have it for years to come! Just scan the QR Code on the right to order.

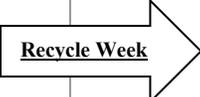
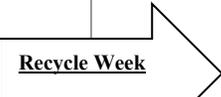



## Cedar Run Park Dog Park

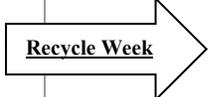
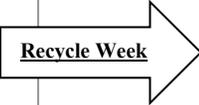
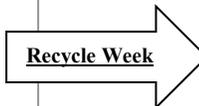


- 26-acre park
- Fenced green spaces
- Walking trails
- Small and large dog areas

Fundraising Opportunities - Call 262-677-9665  
Construction scheduled to begin this fall!

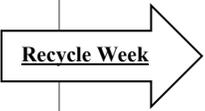
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>All meetings held at the Municipal Complex N168 W19851 Main St. unless otherwise noted.</p>		1	2 Intro to Cartooning 6pm	3	4 Cardio Extreme 9am
5 	6 Yard Waste/Brush Pick-up	7 Injury Prevention Assessment 10am-Noon	8 Co-Ed Volleyball League 6:30pm <b>JFD Open House 6-8pm</b>	9 Financial Organization Wkshp 6:30pm	10 <b>Jackson Fall Festival of Fun – Beer Garden - Run 6:30-9pm</b>	11
12	13 Water Main Flushing  Yard Waste/Brush Pick-up	14 Tourism Comm 6:15pm Budget & Finance Mtg. 7pm Village Board Mtg. 7:30 pm	15	16 <b>Plan Comm. Mtg. 7pm</b>	17 	18
19 	20 <b>Spec Village Board MTG. 6pm</b>  Yard Waste/Brush Pick-up	21 Versiti Blood Drive 2-6pm <b>Jackson Park &amp; Rec Commission Mtg. 6pm</b>	22 Injury Prevention Assessment 5-7pm	23 Trivia Night – Disney 6-7pm	24	25 Nature Therapy Ackerman's Grove 10-11:30am <b>Drug Take Back JPD 9am-Noon</b>
26 Trick or Treat 5:30-7:30pm	27 <b>Yard Waste/Brush Pick-up</b>	28 Dance & Batons 5:30-6:10pm <b>Board of Public Works Mtg. 6pm</b>	29 Dance with Me 4:45-5:15pm	30 Hip Hop/Jazz/Tap 5:30-6:55pm Hip Hop Dance 4:45-5:15pm	31 Halloween	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 <b>Recycle Week</b> Daylight Savings	3 <b>Yard Waste/Brush Pick-up</b>	4	5	6 Puzzle Party @ JCC 6pm	7	8
9	10 <b>Yard Waste/Brush Pick-up</b>	11 Budget & Finance Mtg. 7pm Village Board Mtg. 7:30pm Personnel Committee Mtg. 6:30pm	12	13 Keychain Art 6:30-7:30pm	14	15 Nature Therapy Sandy Knoll 10-11:30am
16 <b>Recycle Week</b>	17 <b>Yard Waste/Brush Pick-up</b>	18 <b>Park &amp; Rec Commission 6pm</b>	19 Red Cross Blood Drive 2-6pm	20 Holiday Porch Pot Workshop 5-6pm <b>Plan Commission Mtg. 7pm</b>	21	22
23	24 <b>Yard Waste/Brush Pick-up</b>	25 <b>Board of Public Works Mtg. 6pm</b>	26	27 Thanksgiving Day – JCC & Village Offices Closed	28 JCC & Village Offices Closed	29
30	Passive Pickleball Tues & Thurs 1-3pm		General Pickleball Mon, Wed & Fri 10am-Noon			Register for Park & Rec Programs at <a href="http://jacksonparkrec.recdesk.com">jacksonparkrec.recdesk.com</a>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Winter Parking Rules Begin</b>	2	3	4	5  X-Mas Tree Lighting 5:30-7pm	6
						
7	8	9  <b>Budget &amp; Finance Mtg. 7pm</b> <b>Village Board Mtg. 7:30 pm</b>	10	11 Senior Christmas Social – JCC 12pm  Holiday Porch Pot Workshop 5-6pm	12	13  Nature Therapy Glacier Hills 10-11:30am
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	2026 Dog/Cat Licenses Available	<b>Park &amp; Rec Commission 6pm</b>	Versiti Blood Drive 2-6pm	<b>Plan Commission 7pm</b>		
21	22	23	24  JCC & Village Offices Closed	25  JCC & Village Offices Closed	26	27
28	29	30	31 <b>Pet Licenses EXPIRE!</b> JCC & Village Offices Closed			
						

[WWW.VILLAGEOFJACKSONWI.GOV](http://WWW.VILLAGEOFJACKSONWI.GOV) **January 2026\*** Please visit the website for most current & up to date version

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>Calendar year absentee ballot requests for 2026 available online @ MyVote.wi.gov after January 1.</b>	<i>All meetings held at the Municipal Complex N168 W19851 Main St. unless otherwise noted.</i>	1  JCC & Village Offices Closed	2	3
4	<b>Your pets license expired on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.</b>	Beginner Yoga starts 4:45-5:45pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	<b>Budget &amp; Finance Mtg. 7pm Village Board Mtg. 7:30 pm</b>	14 Dance with Me 4:45-5:15pm  Red Cross Blood Drive 2-6pm	15 Hip Hop/Jazz/Tap 5:30-6:55pm  <b>Plan Commission 7pm</b>	16	17  Creative Dance /Poms 10:30-11:55am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	<b>Board of Public Works Mtg. 6pm</b>	28	29	30	31 <b>Monte Carlo Night 2/28/26</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Installment Taxes due</b>



# Pedestrian Safety in Wisconsin



## Did you know...

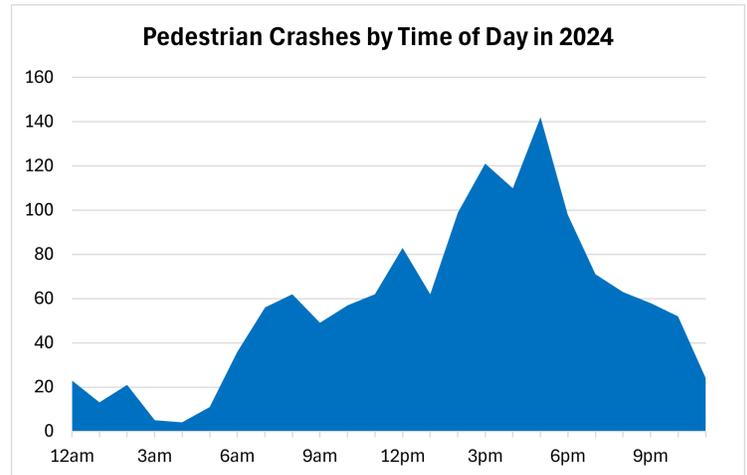
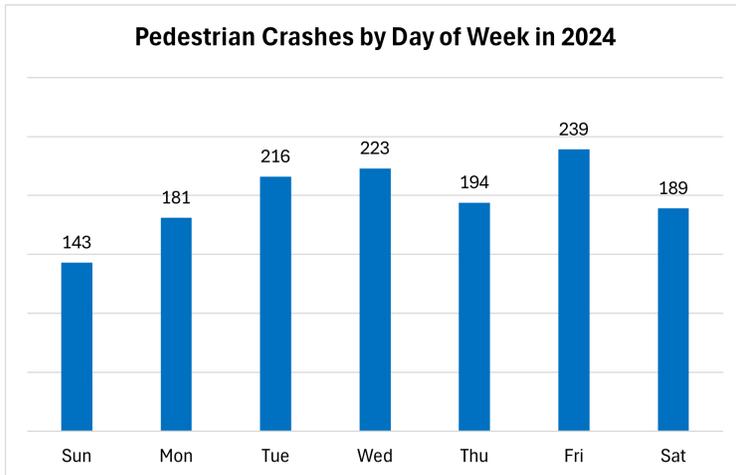
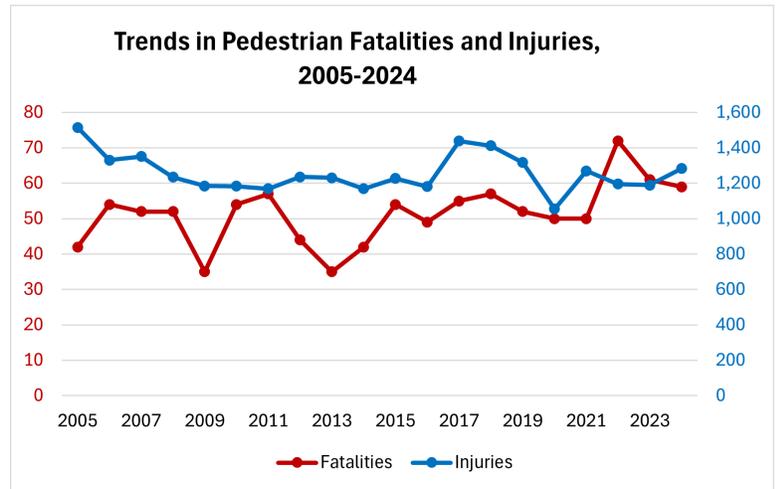
In Wisconsin, one pedestrian was killed or injured every 6.5 hours in 2024.

- 1,385 crashes involved pedestrians in Wisconsin in 2024.
- In these crashes, 59 pedestrians were killed and 1,283 pedestrians were injured.
- Few pedestrian crashes result in property damage only; the pedestrian is almost always injured.

## Scope of the Problem

Over the years, improvements to pedestrian safety have been made in areas such as engineering, education, enforcement, and emergency response.

Despite the improvements, pedestrian injuries have remained generally consistent over the past 20 years. Pedestrian fatalities have increased since 2013, when there were only 35 pedestrian fatalities. In 2022, pedestrian fatalities peaked at 72. Wisconsin has seen a decrease in pedestrian fatalities since then, with 59 fatalities in 2024.

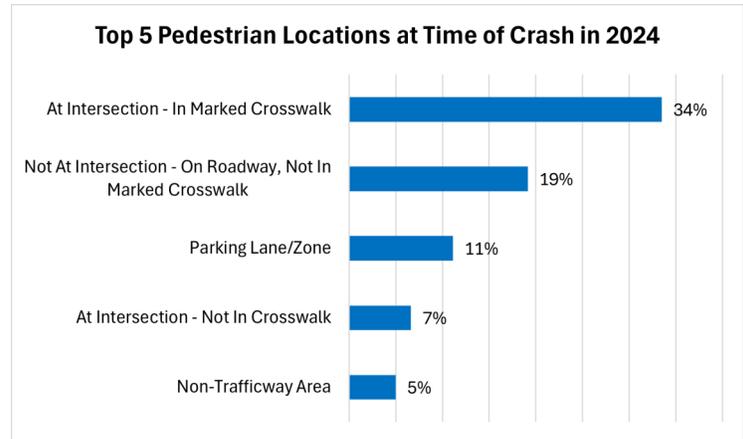
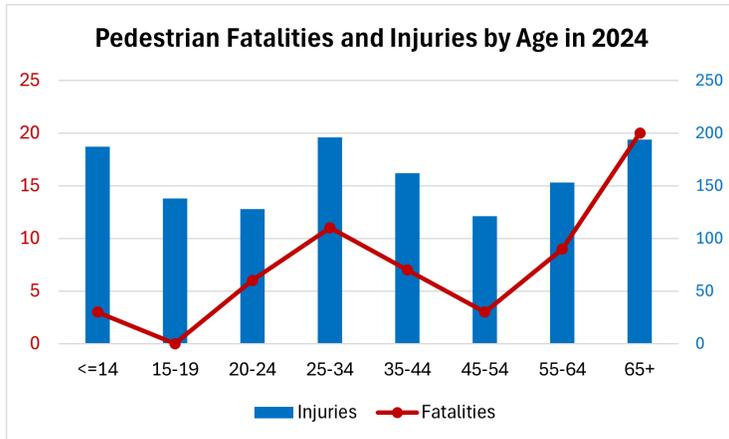


## When do Pedestrian Crashes Occur?

Pedestrian crashes most often occur on weekdays with Friday accounting for the highest number of crashes at 239, or 17% of all pedestrian crashes. Sunday had the fewest pedestrian crashes at 143, or 10% of all pedestrian crashes.

Most pedestrian crashes occur between 3 pm and 6 pm, the hours after school and the peak time that adults commute home from work. This afternoon peak is far higher than the morning peak time, possibly because of driver and pedestrian fatigue and inattentiveness.

## Pedestrian Crash Risk Factors



Pedestrians aged 25-34 are most at risk for injuries. Older pedestrians, on the other hand, are more likely to suffer a fatality when involved in a crash.

The vast majority of pedestrian crashes occur in the roadway or at a crosswalk in an intersection. Any street crossing can put a pedestrian in the path of a motor vehicle operator who may not be paying attention or may not have time to avoid a pedestrian who suddenly steps into the path of the vehicle.

Pedestrian crashes are more likely to have worse consequences when drugs or alcohol are a factor. Of the 58 fatal pedestrian crashes, 4 (7%) involved an impaired pedestrian or driver. Of the 1,221 injury pedestrian crashes, 38 (3%) involved either an impaired pedestrian or driver.

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## Current Pedestrian Laws

Pedestrian laws are defined in Wis Stats. 346.23 (1)(2) and 348.24(1):

- At any crosswalk (marked or unmarked), the operator of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian, in a manner which is consistent with the safe use of the crosswalk by a pedestrian who has started to cross the road.
- In all other cases, pedestrians, bicyclists, and riders of electric assistive mobility devices shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles lawfully proceeding directly ahead on a green signal.
- No operator of a vehicle proceeding ahead on a green signal may begin a turn at a controlled intersection or crosswalk when a pedestrian or rider of an assistive mobility device crossing in the crosswalk on a green or walk signal would be endangered or interfered with in anyway.

## What can You Do?

- As a motorist, look for pedestrians when turning left or right.
- Reduce travel speeds in school zones and neighborhoods.
- Yield to pedestrians already attempting to cross the roadway.
- As a pedestrian, always look left, right, and left again for traffic before stepping into the street. Establish eye contact with the driver before crossing.
- As a pedestrian, cross at a crosswalk or where you can see and be seen by motorists. Avoid crossing at blind curves.
- When walking at night, always wear bright clothing. Do not assume drivers will see you.