

Dear Campus Community,

The recent heartbreaking accident involving a UCI student on campus reminds us of the need to be safe and vigilant at all times. Drivers and pedestrians alike share the responsibility of keeping themselves and others on the road safe. The following safety tips are helpful reminders of best practices.

Driving on Campus

- Follow all traffic laws, including the designated speed limit.
- **Be Alert:** Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists at all times.
 - Scan the road ahead and the sides of the road for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other hazards.
 - Before making a turn, look in all directions for pedestrians or bicyclists in your path.
 - Do not drive distracted or after consuming alcohol or other drugs.
 - Do not use your cell phone while driving.
 - Look carefully behind your vehicle for approaching pedestrians before backing-up your vehicle.
- **Be Responsible:** Yield to pedestrians and give bicyclists plenty of room.
 - Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, whether marked or unmarked, and at intersections when making turns.
 - Allow time for pedestrians to traverse intersections.
 - Respect bicyclists. Do not tailgate. Slow down when passing bicyclists and give them at least three feet of space when passing.
 - After passing a bicyclist, look over your shoulder and check your rearview mirror before moving back into the lane.
- **Be Patient:** Avoid aggressive maneuvers.
 - Never pass/overtake a vehicle that is stopped for pedestrians.
 - Obey speed limits and come to a complete stop at STOP signs.
 - Always be prepared to stop for pedestrians.
 - Bicyclists and pedestrians can be unpredictable; expect the unexpected.

Pedestrian Safety

- **Be Safe and Be Seen:** Make yourself visible to drivers.
 - Wear bright/light colored clothing and reflective materials at night.
 - When crossing the street at night, only cross in designated crosswalks that are well lit.
 - Stand clear of buses, hedges, parked cars and other obstacles before crossing the street so that drivers can clearly see you.
- **Be Smart and Alert:** Avoid dangerous behaviors.
 - Always walk on the sidewalk. If sidewalks are not available, walk against the flow, facing traffic.
 - Stay sober. Walking while impaired increases your chance of an injury.
 - Do not assume vehicles will stop for you or see you. Make eye contact with drivers; do not just look at the vehicle.
 - Do not rely solely on pedestrian signals. Look in both directions before you cross the road.
 - Be alert to engine noise or backup lights on cars when in parking lots and near on-street parking spaces.
 - All construction areas will be clearly marked with signs. Do not enter construction areas and do not interfere with construction workers or any construction equipment.
- **Be Careful at Crossings:** Look before you step.
 - Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections whenever possible.
 - Obey traffic signals and WALK/DON'T WALK signs.
 - Look left, right, and left again before crossing a street.
 - Watch for turning vehicles. Make sure the driver sees you and will stop for you.
 - Look across **all** lanes you must cross, and visually clear each lane before proceeding. Even if one motorist stops, do not presume drivers in other lanes can see you and will stop.
 - Avoid using your phone while crossing any roadways, including talking and texting.

Sincerely,

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