

To the Anteater community,

As we return to campus, traffic has increased on our roads, including pedestrians, vehicles, cyclists, and more. Please take a moment to review the following safety guidelines. These tips represent best practices and serve as invaluable reminders for the well-being of all.

Driving on Campus

- Follow all traffic laws and posted signage, including the designated speed limit and parking signage.
- **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.
 - When making turns, yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, whether marked or unmarked, and at intersections.
 - 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.
 - Refrain from wearing headphones covering both ears and/or earbuds inserted into both ears. Modern devices, especially those with noise-canceling features, can significantly impede your ability to hear approaching cars, bicyclists, scooters, golf cars, and emergency vehicles (even with sirens sounding).
 - 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 street parking spaces.
 - Do not enter construction areas and do not interfere with construction workers or any construction equipment.
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- **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.

Bicycles & Scooters

- **Helmet Safety:** It is strongly encouraged to wear a helmet while operating a traditional or electric bicycle or scooter.
- **Obey Road Regulations:** Electric-powered scooters must adhere to the same traffic rules as any road user, such as car drivers and bicyclists.
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Please contact UCI Transportation & Distribution Services at 949-824-7275 or traffic@uci.edu with any questions or concerns about university roadways.

Sincerely,

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