

California State University, Sacramento

Risk Management

Keeping pedestrians safe on inner campus pathways

It has been determined through careful study of campus needs and campus infrastructure that a limited amount of vehicular traffic is required on inner campus pathways. The inner campus is defined as the entire area within the State University Drive loop plus the resident halls area not designated for vehicular traffic.

The co-mingling of pedestrians and vehicles requires that all vehicle operators abide by the rules listed below, and to do whatever else is necessary to avoid incidents or injuries to pedestrians.

- 1. Choose the driving route and time carefully. Avoid congested pathways during class breaks when possible.
- 2. Give pedestrians the right of way. This is a cardinal rule.
- 3. Do not assume that pedestrians will hear your vehicle approaching, especially from behind.
- 4. Keep vehicle speed to 5 mph (a brisk walking pace) or less. No exceptions to this rule will be tolerated.
- 5. Pass pedestrians very slowly, whether in the same or opposite direction, allowing at least five feet between the vehicle and the pedestrian.
- 6. If pedestrians must be followed for a short distance, approach no nearer than 10 feet.
- 7. Anticipate blind corners and approach them cautiously.
- 8. Keep the vehicle windshield clean and unscratched for good visibility.
- 9. If your work takes you into a building, park away from the entrance and off the sidewalk, allowing plenty of room for pedestrians and possibly emergency responders to enter and exit.
- 10. All University, auxiliary and vendor vehicles that drive on inner campus pathways shall be stickered with a green bumper sticker on the front and rear of the vehicle. The sticker will ask the question, "How is my driving?" and will provide pedestrians with a vehicle identification number and a phone number. Pedestrians will be encouraged to use the phone number to report unsafe and inconsiderate drivers.
- 11. Any vehicle violating vehicular codes or these rules may be subject to California Vehicle Code enforcement by the Sacramento State Police Department.

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