

## PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

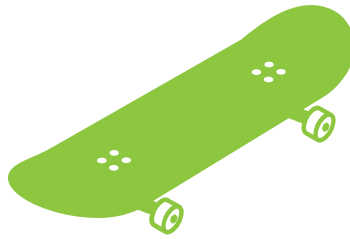
# PEDESTRIANS ARE ROAD TRAFFIC TOO

## QUICK FACTS

### What is a pedestrian under the Victorian Road Rules?



People on **foot**



people on **wheeled devices** such as skateboards, roller blades, wheelchairs, and motorised mobility devices



people **pushing a bicycle**

Sources: [VicRoads, Pedestrians \(2018\)](#)

### Under the Victorian Road Rules, Pedestrians have right of way



#### At pedestrian crossings (zebra crossings)

You must travel at a low speed so you can stop safely, give way to pedestrians and not overtake other vehicles stopped at the crossing.



#### At pedestrian lights

You must give way to a pedestrian on the crossing.



#### When turning at any intersection

You must giving way to pedestrians that are crossing the road that you are entering, not matter what the shape of the intersection is.



#### When exiting or entering a driveway

You must give way to pedestrians on the footpath and nature strips.



#### In a signed shared zone

Sources: [VicRoads, Pedestrians \(2018\)](#)

### Tips for drivers



- **Slow down** on roads where there are likely to be a lot of pedestrians



- **Be aware** that pedestrians are hard to see at night and in poor weather



- **Don't assume** that a pedestrian has seen you and will wait for you to go past



- **Be mindful** that vulnerable pedestrians may need extra time to cross

Sources: [Transport for NSW, Tips for Drivers - Pedestrians \(2016\)](#)

### Statistics

In 2016, **182 pedestrians** were killed on Australian roads, **12.3% more** than the previous year.

The common types of crashes resulting in pedestrian deaths are:



- crossing the road and being struck from the **near side (36%)**
- crossing the road and being struck from the **far side (16%)**
- playing, working, laying or standing on **carriageway (11%)**

Sources: [BITRE, Road Trauma Australia Statistical Summary \(2016\)](#)  
[TAC, Pedestrian Statistics \(n.d\)](#)