

Slow Down, Look, Stop at Intersections, Let Pedestrians Cross!



路口慢看停 行人優先行

In recent years, 60 percent of traffic accident deaths in Taiwan have occurred at intersections and an average of 24 pedestrians are hurt or killed at intersections every day, Ministry of Transportation and Communications statistics show. Behind every number is the regret or grief of a relative or friend.

依據交通部統計，近年來國內交通事故30日死亡人數有6成發生於路口，且平均每日有24件路口行人死傷事故，每個數字背後都是親友的遺憾和悲痛。

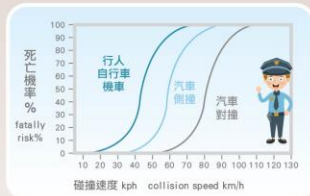


Chart 1 The faster the collision speed, the greater the risk of death.
圖1 不同運具發生事故之碰撞速度與死亡機率圖



Chart 2 The slower a car's speed, the wider the driver's field of vision.
圖2 行車速度愈低，駕駛人視野愈廣

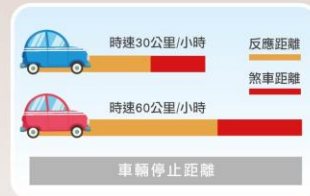


Chart 3 The faster a car's speed, the longer the distance needed to stop.
圖3 行車速度愈高，車輛停止距離愈大

Yield at Intersections to Maintain Safe Traffic Conditions

The Transportation Ministry promotes "Traffic Safety Week" every year in the third week of September. It also calls on society and schools to create a safe traffic culture founded on stopping at intersections, yielding to pedestrians and putting people first. When cars and scooters reach intersections, they should "slow down, look and stop," meaning that if there are pedestrians, drivers should stop and give them priority. In turn, pedestrians should obey traffic signals and stick to crosswalks when they cross the street.

'Yielding at Intersections' and 'Speed Management'

An OECD study found that when the speed of a car colliding with a pedestrian or cyclist increases from 30 kph to 50 kph, the risk of the pedestrian being killed rises from 10% to 80% (Charts 1). Also, the lower a car's speed, the wider a driver's field of vision, and the faster a car is going, the longer the stopping distance required (Charts 2 and 3). So maintaining speed limits is the way to reduce accidents.

推動路口停讓 維護交通安全

交通部每年9月的第3週推動全國性的「交通安全週」，並以「路口停讓行人」呼籲社會各界與各校建立「路口停讓」及「以人為本」的交通文化，汽機車行至路口應遵守「慢、看、停」，意即路口遇行人應暫停讓行人優先，行人亦應遵守號誌規定並走行人穿越道。

「路口停讓」與「速度管理」

根據經濟合作發展組織 (OECD) 研究，當車輛撞擊速度由30kph增加至50kph，行人死亡率會由10%大幅增加至80%(圖1)；車速愈低，駕駛人視野愈廣；車速愈高，車輛停止距離愈大(圖2、圖3)。因此「速度管理」是降低事故有效的對策。

導護老師與路老師 守護兒童與高齡者



交通部為保護兒童與高齡行人通過路口的安全，加強培訓「導護志工」與「路老師」協助提醒路口交通風險意識，例如高齡者步行通過一個車道約5秒、4個車道約需20秒，當行人號誌秒數不足，等下次綠燈再通過，同時穿著明亮衣物、配戴反光物、不當低頭族、過路口不看手機。



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