

SAFETY ALERT



Safety on Campus – Drivers, Cyclists and Pedestrians

Who needs to read this?

All Curtin University Staff, Students and Contractors

Background

In recent months there have been several incidents on campus related to interactions between cyclists, vehicles and pedestrians. These incidents have occurred on roadways, shared zones, crosswalks, within carparks and on internal pathways. Thankfully in each of these instances the incidents only resulted in minor injuries to those involved.

Key Messages

Shared Zones – Curtin has a number of signposted shared zones, it is essential that drivers and cyclists give way to pedestrians in these spaces at all times. The speed limit in shared zones is 10km per hour unless otherwise signposted.

Vehicles – The speed limit on Bentley campus roads and within carparks is 30km/hr unless otherwise signposted. A pedestrian has a 90% chance of survival if hit at 30km/hr, but only 60% chance of survival if hit at 40km/hr – please stick to the speed limits.

As a driver, you should always stay within your lane and not stray into cycle lanes or deviate around speed controllers, cyclists could be present. Drivers should also be on the lookout for pedestrians especially at crosswalks and give way to them.

Cyclists – Cyclists should always give way to pedestrians in shared zones, on crosswalks and internal pathways. You are also required to cycle at average walking pace (2.5-4km per hour) on all internal walkways and pathways and when riding past building doorways to reduce the risk of collision with pedestrians. Please be aware that it is illegal to ride less than 2 m behind a vehicle over a distance of more than 200 metres.

Pedestrians – Always use pathways where provided rather than walking on the road and look both ways to ensure it's safe prior to attempting to cross the road, even at crosswalks. Ensure that you are aware of your surroundings especially when you are walking along and across roadways.

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Who do you call with questions?

If you have any queries, please contact Health and Safety on 9266 4900 or email healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au.

References

- Cyclists – Government of Western Australia
- Red lights, intersections, and pedestrian crossings – Road Safety Commission
- Make every journey safe – Road Safety Commission
- Cycling Rules – Department of Transport

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