

Take Action

Six Simple Steps to Safer Streets!

FOCUS ON THE ROAD

1. **Turn your phone off before you get in the car.** There is no conversation that can't wait in order to save your life or someone else's. Understand that distracted driving includes more than just cell phone use. Reading a book, putting on makeup, or looking for something in the backseat all take your attention from the road.
2. **Talk to your friends and family about road safety.** A lot of us think that we are somehow uniquely capable of multi-tasking while driving. That's simply not true. Driving requires the same visual, mental, and manual attention from each and every one of us.

BE PREDICTABLE AND PLAN AHEAD

3. **Plan your trip and allow enough time to get where you're going.** Speed and distracted and aggressive driving are all related to feeling rushed on the road. No matter how you travel, make sure you have the time to give your full attention to the road.
4. **Think ahead about how to get home.** If you're going out and planning to drink, a designated driver, taxi, or public transit are all good options. Impairment is a factor for pedestrians and people on bikes too. If you've had too much to drink, leave your bike behind and think about getting a ride home or travelling with a sober friend.

TAKE THE TIME TO KNOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD

5. **Our roads are changing and it's important to learn how.** Features like flashing yellow turn signals, bike boxes, and all-way walk signals are new to Seattle. Ask questions and learn how to travel safely around these new features.
6. **Know the speed limit and travel it.** Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit in Seattle is 30 MPH on arterials, 25 MPH on residential streets, and 20 MPH in school zones. A few miles over the speed limit can make the difference in whether or not you or someone else survives a crash.



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