Stay on Your Side. (Safety Tips and Facts)

(United States Facts)

- In 2010, 33% of all pedestrians killed in traffic crashes were legally drunk, with a blood alcohol concentration of greater than or equal to 0.08 grams per deciliter.
- In 2011, 48% of all fatal pedestrian crashes, alcohol has been involved either with the driver or the pedestrian.
- 4,280 pedestrians died in traffic crashes which accounted for 13% of all traffic-related fatalities. This is a 4% increase from 2009.
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(Age Group)

- Ages 15-29: Teens and young adult pedestrians (ages 15-29) are more likely to be treated in emergency departments for crash-related injuries than any other age group.

(Alabama Facts)

- 899 Pedestrian Crashes
- 203 Bicyclist Crashes
- 589 Pedestrian Crashes
- 5 Bicyclist Crash Fatalities

(Tuscaloosa County)

- In Tuscaloosa County alone, two pedestrians and one bicyclist were killed due to traffic-related incidents in 2011.

(Safety Tips)

- When possible, cross the street at a designated crosswalk. Always stop and look left, right, and left again before crossing. If a parked vehicle is blocking the view of the street, stop at the edge of the vehicle and look around it before entering the street.
- Increase your visibility at night by carrying a flashlight and wearing retro-reflective clothing.
- Drivers are required to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing streets in marked or unmarked crosswalks in most situations. You need to be especially careful at intersections where the failure to yield right-of-way often occurs when drivers are turning onto another street and a pedestrian is in their path.
- It is much safer to walk on the sidewalk, but if you must walk in the street, walk facing traffic.