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Be Seen, Be Safe: Road Safety During the Darker Months

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In this session, **ICBC Road Safety** shared practical tips to help motorists, cyclists, motorcyclists, and pedestrians stay visible, reduce risk, and prevent collisions during the darker fall and winter months.

What factors contribute to pedestrian-involved crashes?

- **Distracted driving:** Drivers using a cellphone or touchscreen are less aware of their surroundings and may react more slowly to pedestrians crossing the road.
- **Failure to yield:** Drivers may fail to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians or other road users, increasing the risk of a collision.
- **Weather:** Poor weather conditions reduce visibility and can affect drivers' reaction times.
- **Intersections:** 79% of pedestrian-involved crashes in BC occur at intersections.

What tips can drivers follow?

- **Focus on the road:** Put away your phone and maintain a safe following distance.
- **Yield to pedestrians:** Stay alert for pedestrians near intersections or busy areas such as schools and SkyTrain stations.
- **Plan ahead:** Expect delays caused by traffic, weather, red lights, and pedestrians. Allow extra travel time and avoid rushing to your destination.
- **Maintain your vehicle:** Ensure your tires, windshield wipers, headlights, and taillights are in good working condition.

What tips can pedestrians follow?

- **Never assume:** Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and *never* assume they will stop.
- **Wait for crosswalk signal:** Do not begin crossing when the flashing hand signal is displayed or the countdown timer is active.
- **Stay alert:** Remove headphones and avoid using your phone while crossing the road.

For more information on road safety, please visit:
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