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Pedestrian Struck by Vehicle During Street Crossing

CHEYENNE, Wyo.— Thursday, January 7th at approximately 6:00 a.m. Cheyenne Police Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian near the intersection of Yellowstone Rd. and Vandehei Ave.

The preliminary investigation shows the accident occurred when an 80-year-old female, of Cheyenne, attempted to cross Yellowstone Rd. where there is no crosswalk. While crossing, she walked into the path of an on-coming 2008 Chevrolet Trail Blazer.

The victim sustained critical injuries and was transported to Cheyenne Regional Medical Center for treatment.

The driver remained on-scene to assist officers with their investigation.

The Cheyenne Police Department reminds pedestrians and drivers of the following <u>safety tips</u> to prevent an accident:

10 Walking Safety Tips

- Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
- Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Whenever possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.
- Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.
- Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways or backing up in parking lots.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and your judgment.



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9 Driving Safety Tips

- Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times. Safety is a shared responsibility.
- Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or bad weather.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing that you can't see.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street.
- Follow slower speed limits in school zones and in neighborhoods where children are present.
- Be extra cautious when backing up—pedestrians can move into your path.