

**PLAY IT
SAFE,
GEORGIA!**

For Clinicians

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Georgia Chapter

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Why We CARE

54% increase in pedestrian deaths nationwide
(from 2012 to 2022)

22% increase in pedestrian deaths in **Georgia**
(from 2015 to 2019)

79% of pedestrian deaths in Georgia occurred
at **locations that were not intersections.**

#5 Pedestrian deaths are the fifth-leading cause of
injury-related death in **children ages 5 to 19.**



How to PLAY IT SAFE

“ **Talk to your patients** about pedestrian safety. Hearing these rules directly from another adult can make **a big impression!** Use these conversation starters:

- **Look right, then left, then right again** before crossing...and keep looking.
- Stash phone and other devices and focus on the traffic.
- No jaywalking! Use traffic lights, crosswalks, and intersections only.
- Sidewalks whenever possible. If no sidewalk, walk facing traffic, as far from the street as possible.

DID YOU KNOW?

Children under age 10 **lack the ability to judge** the speed of a vehicle going more than 20 mph.



A ROLE TO PLAY

Encourage caregivers to **pay attention to all motor vehicles**, including parked cars as well as cars in traffic.

Urge them to **check all around their cars** before turning the motor on.

And remind them to **watch out for kids** on the road.



CALL 911 FIRST!

Advise caregivers to call 911 if their child is in a pedestrian accident—**even if they seem okay.**

PLAY IT SAFE

with poison prevention, safe sleep, firearms, burn safety, and more the **new Georgia AAP Toolkit**—gaaap.org/play-it-safe/.

