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[Kahan Kerensky Capossela, LLP](#), a law firm serving all of Connecticut, recently responded to reports in a Hartford Courant interview of pedestrian deaths reaching a 30-year high with an explanation of why pedestrian fatalities on the road have shot up and how pedestrians can protect themselves.

According to a recent report on an analysis of federal and state data, pedestrian fatalities on U.S. roadways have increased by more than 50 percent in the past decade. These statistics jumped up while the deaths of those riding in vehicles were relatively unchanged according to the Governors Highway Safety Association. Factors that were suggested to lead to the recent rise include:

- Lack of safe road crossings for pedestrians (especially at night)
- Unsafe driving behaviors (distracted driving due to smartphones)
- Increasing numbers of heavy-duty SUVs on the roads
- Rising gas prices causing more people to walk or choose greener transportation

“Although these figures reflect national trends, Connecticut roads are not always the safest. From a lack of sidewalks and bike paths to poor maintenance, the state came in 27th in 2014 for pedestrian safety, with the greatest number of fatalities in New Haven, Hartford, and Fairfield counties.” - Connecticut Personal Injury Attorney, Matthew Willis

Who is Most Vulnerable to Pedestrian Accidents

The law firm shared some statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showing that the following groups are most vulnerable to these types of accidents:

- Adults ages 65 and older (20% of fatalities and 13% of injuries)
- Children under the age of 15 (1 out of every 5 children killed in traffic accidents were under the age of 15 with the greatest risk landing on the 5-9 age range)

What Pedestrians Can Do to Protect Themselves

While the reported numbers are staggering, the personal injury attorney shared that there are several things pedestrians can do to protect themselves on the road, including:

- Be predictable and follow the rules of the road
- Use sidewalks and cross at crosswalks
- Walk facing traffic
- Be alert and stay off the phone by the road
- Cross in well-lit areas
- Never assume a driver sees you
- Be visible and wear bright or reflective clothing at night
- Watch for cars exiting driveways or backing out of parking spots
- Avoid walking near the road if impaired

What to Do When a Pedestrian Accident Occurs

If an accident involving a pedestrian does occur, the law firm shared the following steps that should be taken :

- Call the police right away
- Never leave the scene before help arrives
- Get names and numbers of any witnesses
- Take pictures of the scene
- Consider getting legal representation

Being involved in a pedestrian accident is a life-changing experience and could result in expensive medical treatments, long-term disability, time off of work, and reduced future employment options. Insurance companies might push back on accident claims and make it more difficult for victims to receive due compensation. Personal Injury Lawyers like the ones at Kahan Kerensky Capossela can step in to protect the rights of Connecticut citizens and help them navigate the entire process.

Contact Kahan Kerensky Capossela, LLP

If you've been in an accident or suffered an injury, call or email for a free consultation with Kahan Kerensky Capossela's Personal Injury Attorney. If your injury is the result of someone's negligence or wrongdoing, you're entitled to financial compensation for your injuries.

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About Kahan Kerensky Capossela, LLP

Kahan Kerensky Capossela, LLP, or KKC Law, has been serving the legal needs of individuals and

organizations throughout Connecticut for over 55 years. Those that have been injured in an automobile or motorcycle accident may be eligible for compensation for their injuries and/or property damage. The law firm offers extensive experience with cases involving severe injuries and critical activity such as a hit and run, driving under the influence, and reckless behavior that involves an award of punitive damages in addition to compensation for medical bills, lost wages, and pain and suffering.

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