



Crosswalk Safety in HRP Jurisdiction

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Today's presentation

- Introduction
- Definitions
- Statistics (HRP only) “Estimates only “
- Education and Awareness



Definitions from the Motor Vehicle Act of Nova Scotia

Crosswalk: that portion of a roadway ordinarily included within the prolongation or connection of curb lines and property lines at intersections or any other portion of a roadway clearly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

Pedestrian: a person afoot and includes a person in a wheelchair and a person riding on a motorized cart designed for and being used to transport golfers and equipment over a golf course while travelling from one part of it to another in a crosswalk marked for the purpose on the roadway and approved by a traffic authority appointed pursuant to this Act.



Common offences involving pedestrians and crosswalks:

Pedestrian and vehicle rights of way

125 (1) Where pedestrian movements are not controlled by traffic signals,
(a) the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian lawfully within a crosswalk or stopped facing a crosswalk; or

(b) where the traffic on a highway is divided into separate roadways by a median, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian lawfully within a crosswalk or stopped facing the crosswalk on the roadway on which the vehicle is travelling.

(2) Where a vehicle has stopped at a crosswalk to yield to a pedestrian pursuant to subsection (1), it is an offence for the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear to overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.



(3) A pedestrian shall not leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so closely approaching that it is impractical for the driver of the vehicle to stop.

(4) Where a pedestrian is crossing a roadway at a crosswalk that has a pedestrian-activated beacon, the pedestrian shall not leave a curb or other place of safety unless the pedestrian-activated beacon has been activated.

(5) A pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a crosswalk shall yield the right of way to vehicles upon the roadway.

6) This Section does not relieve a pedestrian or a driver of a vehicle from the duty to exercise due care

Offence to disobey traffic signal

126 At an intersection where traffic is controlled by traffic signals, it shall be an offence for a pedestrian to disobey the instruction of any traffic signal placed in accordance with this Act unless otherwise directed by a peace officer. *R.S., c. 293, s. 126.*



Enforcement Stats related to crosswalks and pedestrians HRP stats

“Estimates only”

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
125 (1)	201	145	122	109	144	*55
125 (2)	15	5	11	2	7	*3
125 (3)	14	15	19	7	21	*8
125 (4)	1	0	0	1	2	*5
125 (5)	0	0	4	19	38	*14
126	8	6	12	6	11	*9
Total	239	171	168	144	223	*94

*2013 projected stats could equal 225...current numbers from Jan-June
 Yearly average = 188

Fine schedules:

125 (1) = \$687.41 and 4 points

125 (2) = \$687.41 and 4 points

125 (3) = \$399.91

125 (5) = \$399.91

126 = \$169.91



Crosswalk injury accident HRP stats “Estimates only”

Division	2011	2012	2013
Central	55	70	14
East	25	31	7
West	35	39	9
Total	115	140	30

Fatality/crosswalks accidents 2008-2013

HRP stats

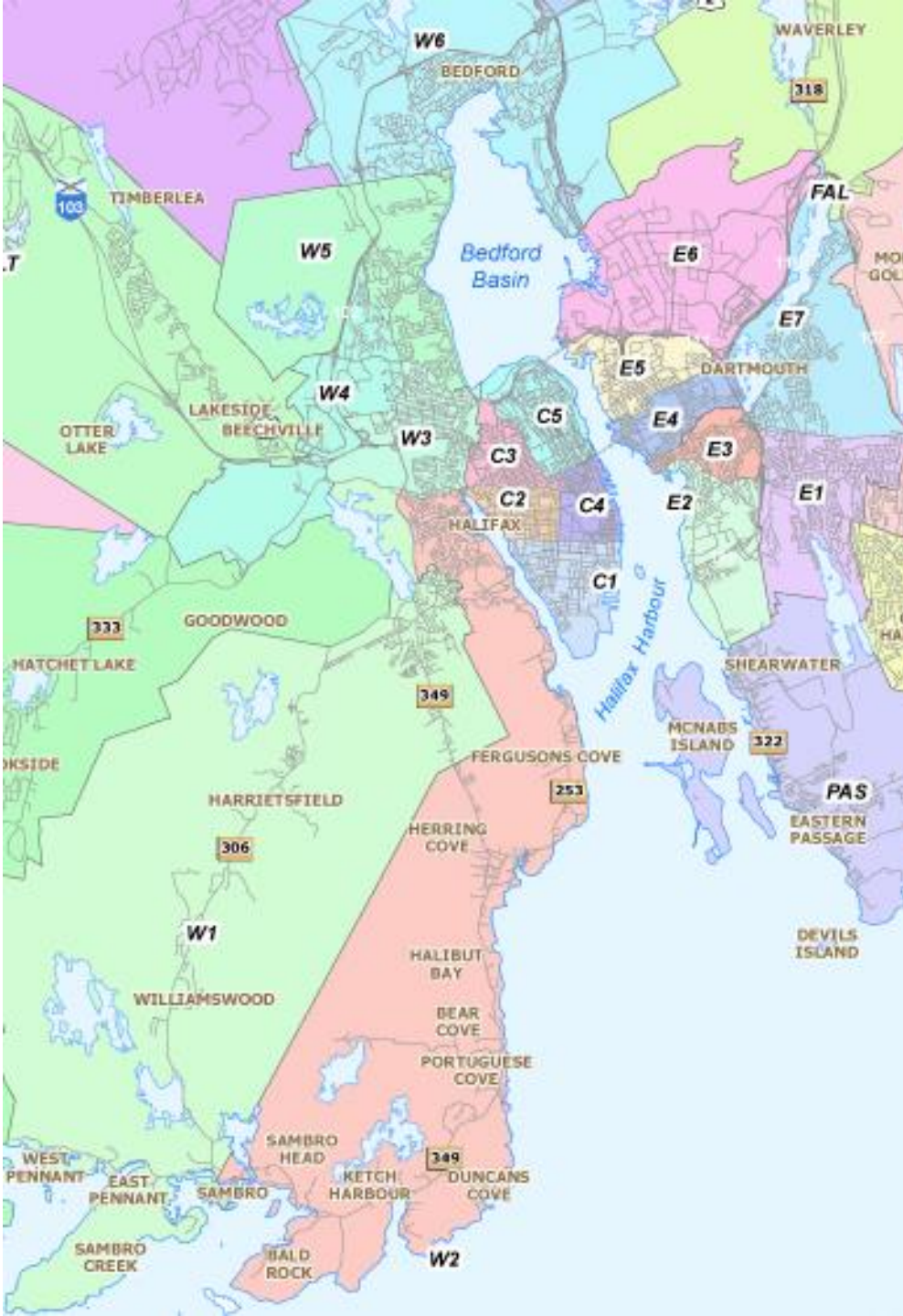
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Year	Total Fatalities reported	Fatalities In Crosswalks
2008	7	1
2009	3	0
2010	6	0
2011	5	1
2012	5	3
2013	3	0

Crosswalk fatalities by Division

HRP stats 2008-2013

West	Central	East
0	3	2



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Pedestrian Safety

Tips for Motorists:

- Pay attention to the road and your driving. Distractions kill.
- Put your cell phone away. Using it while driving puts your safety and the safety of others on the line, plus it's illegal and comes with a fine of \$169.91.
- Be mindful at crosswalks and keep a watchful eye out for pedestrians. Stay alert as some pedestrians don't activate overhead lights.
- Be aware that visually impaired people must rely on you to see them, especially in crosswalks.
- Just imagine how terrible you would feel if you struck a pedestrian who could be seriously injured or killed. Ask yourself, "Is where I'm going more important than someone's life?" Slow down. Respect pedestrians and other motorists. Failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalks comes with a fine of \$687.41.

Tips for Pedestrians:

- Keep your head up and pay attention to vehicles around you. Don't use your hand-held device while walking. Distractions kill.
- Be seen. Wear bright clothing, activate overhead lights where available and make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street. Failing to activate overhead lights at a crosswalk comes with a fine of \$399.91.
- Don't assume a car will stop for you. Darting out in the street, even in a crosswalk, can put your life on the line.

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