

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Covering Ground

In this issue, we highlight resources that help us get around at work. Vehicles and pedestrians converge each day, negotiating roads, crosswalks, bike lanes, train tracks, tram cabins and city traffic in order to arrive at our destination. Once at work, be it Marquam Hill or other OHSU locations, many of us travel around campus and sometimes even off campus during the workday. Transporting ourselves safely is tantamount to performing our jobs well!



A Clear Resource

The Office of Transportation and Parking is the top resource for information about getting around OHSU. Visit them online for a wealth of information specific to OHSU:

<http://ozone.ohsu.edu/parking/>

Here you'll find campus maps, parking policies, the current shuttle schedule, tram information and more.

Crosswalk Safety for Pedestrians



Whatever mode of transportation gets us here, we are pedestrians at OHSU at some point during the course of the day. Key crosswalk locations on the hill are marked with high visibility signage to improve pedestrian safety.

We know that pedestrians have the right of way, and yet, over half of all pedestrian/vehicle collisions are crosswalk related. Compared to drivers and their passengers, pedestrians are especially vulnerable to injury. It's important that we as pedestrians do our part to follow traffic signals and proceed with caution.

Actions such as making eye contact with drivers first instead of assuming they see us will increase our safety.

Crosswalk Rules for Drivers

What does Oregon Law say? A crosswalk exists at any intersection on a public street, whether marked with paint or unmarked. Crosswalks exist in the middle of a roadway only if they are marked with white, painted lines.

At traffic signals, drivers may turn only after pedestrians have cleared the turning lane AND six (6) additional feet as a safety buffer.

At all other crosswalks, drivers must:

- Remain stopped until pedestrians have cleared the lane into which the driver is traveling as well as the next lane.
- Remain stopped for students as directed by crossing guards.
- Remain stopped for a blind pedestrian using a white cane or a guide dog until the pedestrian is completely across the roadway.
- Be patient with cars stopped further along, as these cars may be stopped for a pedestrian in the roadway.
- If a pedestrian is in that safety buffer when a vehicle enters the crosswalk, the driver can be cited for a fine of at least \$200.00, whether injury occurred or not.



For Oregon Laws on crosswalk safety, visit:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/index.shtml>

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Topic of the Month:

DRIVING OHSU VEHICLES

In some instances, OHSU makes vehicles available to employees of Facilities & Real Estate, Logistics and other departments in which transport of materials or individuals is necessary. All users of OHSU vehicles and any employees driving any vehicle while working for OHSU are expected to drive safely.

Rules of the Road:

- Comply with all State and Federal laws.
- Maintain a valid driver's license.
- Follow speed limits and pay attention to signage.
- Always wear seatbelts.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol or attention-altering drugs.
- Yield to pedestrians.
- Do not talk on cell phones while driving.
- Secure all loads and contain hazardous cargo.



Use Your Best Judgment:

- Maintain a safe driving record.
- Yield right-of-way to avoid an accident.
- Give driving your full attention. Minimize distractions such as the radio and eating.
- Watch for bicyclists, children, and our unique population of pedestrians in the road.
- Avoid activities that could result in "road rage" reactions.
- Take periodic rest breaks to reduce fatigue.
- Report mechanical or safety concerns immediately and remove the vehicle from service when unsure.



- Follow all departmental vehicle use policies and the OHSU Traffic & Parking on Campus Policy:

http://ozone.ohsu.edu/policy/pac/chapt_7/7-20-001.htm

- Periodically review current laws at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/>

Pre-Trip Inspection:

Always check for proper functioning of all major systems.

- Lights, including head-, running-, and back-up lights.
- Brakes, including foot and emergency brakes.
- Seat and mirror adjustment.
- Tire condition.
- Use a maintenance schedule that includes a fluids check.

Required Accident Response:

Sometimes accidents are simply unavoidable. In the event of an accident, you **MUST** do ALL of the following:

- Immediately call the police (911) for all accidents that occur off-campus.
- Report on-campus accidents to Public Safety (4-4444).
- Fill out the OR DMV & OHSU Accident Reports (kept in a packet with certificate of insurance in the OHSU vehicle glove compartment) and submit both reports to Risk Management (Mail Code: L328) regardless of where the incident occurred.
- If your department has provided a disposable camera in the vehicle's glove compartment, take photographs of all vehicle damage and the surrounding accident scene (include traffic control devices, lanes of travel, intersections, road surface, vehicle point of impact/collision and vehicle resting locations).
- Get contact information of all people involved in the accident, including passengers, and gather witness names as well.
- Notify your supervisor as soon after an accident as possible.
- Report any employee or student injury through the OHSU Worker & Student Injury Reporting System located online at: <http://ozone.ohsu.edu/wsirs/>
- Notify Risk Management (503-494-7189) within 24 hours of the accident.



For additional questions about driving any OHSU vehicle, please ask your supervisor. Environmental Health & Radiation Safety has information on defensive driving courses for those departments considering offering such training to their staff.

Driving isn't the only way to get to work!

Trimet goes the distance, and discount Trimet passes are available at:

http://ozone.ohsu.edu/parking/trimet/09-10_transitpass.html

The Bike Commuter All Star Program rewards human-powered commuting with incentives, in addition to the great exercise perks:

<http://www.ohsu.edu/parking/pages/bike.html>

Portland Aerial Tram

Through its unique design and service, the Tram is a safe and convenient form of transportation for all riders.



Please note: the Tram will close from May 25 to May 31, 2010 for replacement of its haul rope. Shuttle service may not be as speedy as the Tram, so plan accordingly.

You'll find more information about the Portland Aerial Tram at: <http://www.portlandtram.org/>

SAFE COMMUTING BY BICYCLE

Portland is known for its bike friendliness. With dedicated lanes on many roads and a large number of cyclists in general, one might assume an inherent safety in bike travel. However, that is not the case. It only takes one



driver with an obstructed view, or one patch of gravel, to pose a serious hazard. Good bikers are aware, prepared, and safety-minded.

As fair weather increases, we see more and more bicycles on the roads. Some choose to travel by bike even during more challenging conditions. The Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA) offers workshops on safe year-round commuting. You'll find further BTA information at:

<http://www.bta4bikes.org/resources/commuter.php>

As a bike commuter on Marquam Hill, you should:

- Walk your bike when on sidewalks or wheelchair ramps. Be considerate to pedestrians, especially patients who may react more slowly and/or have compromised mobility.
- Make use of bike parking around campus.
- Beware of driveways into parking areas and NEVER pass on the right.
- Show patience and courtesy toward the people we serve. Visitors can often be confused about where to park.



- Avoid road surface hazards like potholes and gravel.
- Ride a well-equipped bike with lights, bell, and a lock.
- Dress appropriately. Be sure drivers notice you BEFORE there's a chance of incident.

Transportation & Parking offers the use of tools and supplies such as a basic repair kit, tubes, patches, and air pumps. Call T&P Customer Service at 4-8283 for locations of tools and supplies. If calling after hours, use Public Safety's non-emergency line at 4-7744.



Employees and students can join the Bike Commuter All Star Program, which offers monetary incentives. Learn more about bike commuting at OHSU by visiting:

<http://www.ohsu.edu/parking/pages/bikeincentive.html>

SAFETYTEAM MEMBERSHIP

Do you know someone who'd like to get involved?

If so, contact us at safeteam@ohsu.com or 4-7795.

For a current issue of SafetyNews online, and for archives, visit:

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/about/services/integrity/ehrs/safety/gen/safetynews.cfm>

The SafetyTeam page is available at:

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/about/services/integrity/ehrs/safety/gen/safeteam.cfm>

These pages are updated regularly. If there are OHSU resources you'd like to see linked, please send suggestions to the SafetyTeam Coordinator at:

safeteam@ohsu.edu

Questions? Ask Environmental Health & Radiation Safety:

503-494-7795

