

BICYCLISTS

- Bicycle riders must follow the same traffic laws as automobile drivers.
- All bicycle riders under the age of 18 are required by law to wear a helmet.
- Always be aware of vehicles entering/exiting driveways and the opening of doors from parked vehicles.
- Remember, biking (except to bike lockers), skateboarding, and roller skating are prohibited activities within the Civic Center Parking Structure.



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Alameda Theatre and Civic Center Parking Structure

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety



Additional Resources:

Pedestrian Friendly Alameda

www.pedfriendly.org

Bike Alameda

www.bikealameda.org

*Quick Tips on Pedestrian and Bicycle
Safety around the new Cineplex.*

The streets surrounding the new Alameda Theatre and Cineplex may draw a large number of pedestrians and could be congested with vehicles. This high traffic volume will require extra care on the part of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists alike. California law defines the exact, legal responsibilities of pedestrians and motorists in Vehicle Code Section 21950:

CVC § 21950 Right-of-Way at Crosswalks

(a) The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(b) This section does not relieve a pedestrian from the duty of using due care for his or her safety. No pedestrian may suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard. No pedestrian may unnecessarily stop or delay traffic while in a marked or unmarked crosswalk.

(c) The driver of a vehicle approaching a pedestrian within any marked or unmarked crosswalk shall exercise all due care and shall reduce the speed of

the vehicle or take any other action relating to the operation of the vehicle as necessary to safeguard the safety of the pedestrian.

(d) Subdivision (b) does not relieve a driver of a vehicle from the duty of exercising due care for the safety of any pedestrian within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

PEDESTRIANS

- Do not assume drivers can or will stop. It is the responsibility of the pedestrian to ensure that it is safe to proceed across the roadway. Traffic flow and/or congestion may prevent a driver from seeing you or from stopping. Stepping in front of oncoming traffic and expecting it to stop could cause an accident involving the pedestrian, the motorist, or other motorists and may result in personal injury
- Do not assume a driver has seen you. Establish eye contact with the driver before entering a crosswalk.
- Watch all lanes you must cross. Even though one vehicle has stopped, vehicles may pass in another lane or in an opposite direction.
- Cross the street within the marked lines of the crosswalk. Your full

attention should be directed to oncoming traffic.

- Remember, jaywalking is illegal and is defined as follows: “Between adjacent intersections controlled by traffic control signal devices or by police officers, pedestrians shall not cross the roadway at any place except in a crosswalk.”

DRIVERS

- Striking a pedestrian in a crosswalk is extremely difficult to defend and can lead to severe legal and liability consequences.
 - Be attentive when approaching intersections and crosswalks. Look both ways and be prepared to stop.
 - Do not overtake and pass other vehicles stopped for pedestrians.
 - Be aware that some pedestrians may “challenge” you to stop since they have the right-of-way in a crosswalk. Failure to yield to a pedestrian within a marked crosswalk is a violation of California law.
 - If you are making a turn with a green light, a pedestrian crossing with the same green light has the right-of-way.
 - A pedestrian passing through an uncontrolled intersection has the right-of-way if they have entered the roadway, even if there is not a marked crosswalk.