

# Parking Lot Safety

From 2014-2017, nearly one in five (19%) of pedestrian crashes with a motor vehicle in Vermont were in parking lots.\*

Parking lots, including parking garages, can be busy places and potential areas for conflict.

Some simple tips can help to keep you and your family safer in parking lots.



## When you are in the car

- Drive slowly
- Keep your eyes out for people walking, especially children who may be harder to see
- Do not assume that other people, walking or driving, can see you
- Be especially careful when backing up and turning corners
- Double check your mirrors and blind spots
- Stay off electronic devices until you are parked

## When you are on foot

- Stay alert, watch and listen for moving vehicles
- Do not assume that people driving can see you, especially in dark lighting conditions
- Be especially careful when walking between parked cars
- Use crosswalks and sidewalks when available
- Teach young children of the potential dangers of running or playing around cars
- Stay off electronic devices until you are in a safe spot

\*Of those reported to police. From 2014 to 2017, there were 513 motor vehicle crashes with pedestrians reported in the Crash database by law enforcement. Of these, 201 occurred at intersections (39%), 156 not at a junction (30%), 97 in parking lots (19%), 21 were in driveways (4%), 3 at on/off ramps, 3 at traffic circles, 15 labelled as other, and 17 with location left blank.

VTrans Public Crash Data Query Tool. <http://apps.vtrans.vermont.gov/CrashPublicQueryTool/>