

Douglas enforcing pedestrian related laws

Now through June 13 the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and other state agencies are beefing up patrols and issuing citations to pedestrians and motorists who are breaking traffic safety laws.

Nevada state law requires pedestrians to use sidewalks, crosswalks and pedestrian bridges and obey all traffic control signs and signals. If there is no sidewalk, pedestrians must walk on the left side of the street, facing traffic. For motorists, they must yield to pedestrians and avoid passing vehicles that are stopped for pedestrians.

Nearly 90 percent of the pedestrian and driver's involved in fatal crashes are local residents, and not tourists, according to Douglas County officials.