

Since 2020, the number of crashes involving seniors has increased throughout Connecticut.

Seniors should take special caution while at intersections, where they are more likely to be involved in a crash than drivers under 65.

Older drivers may be less able to judge the speed of an oncoming vehicle, which is crucial for making left turns.

Did You Know?

9.7%

of all yearly crashes are from 65+ drivers.

18%

of all T intersection crashes are 65+ drivers.

23.3%

of all 4-way intersection crashes are 65+ drivers.

To learn more about safe driving, visit:

cpcanet.org

drivetosavelivesct.com

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Safe Driving for Seniors



Intersection Safety



Always look to the sides and directly ahead when approaching an intersection.



Look far ahead continuously to anticipate future problems and plan your actions.



Try avoiding left turns by making a right turn at the next intersection. Two more right turns should get you to your street.



Try to make your left turns at intersections with green arrow signals that provide protected turns.



Have a passenger to serve as a “second pair of eyes.”

Tips for Staying Safe on the Road

Health and Vision

Get regular eye and medical check-ups to manage changes in vision and other health conditions that can affect driving

Medication Review

Ask a doctor or pharmacist to review all your medications for side effects and interactions that could impair driving.

Vehicle Adjustments

Ensure your prescription for glasses or contacts is current and that your vehicle is equipped with easy-to-read dials and proper lighting.

Driving Conditions

Drive during daylight hours and when there is good weather.

Always Wear a Seatbelt

Vehicle Maintenance

Keep windshield, mirrors & headlights clean.

Counting 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004 can save lives.



Route Planning

Plan routes in advance and choose roads with well-lit streets and clear intersections.

Keep a Safe Distance

Find a marker ahead of you, such as a tree, sign or lamp post. When the car ahead of you passes the marker, count: “1001, 1002, 1003, 1004.” Try to leave enough space so that you reach 1004 before you get to the same point.

