

Bicycle and Pedestrian Laws
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By the end of the session, participants will be able to:

- 1. Discuss the importance of pedestrian and bicycle laws;**
- 2. Identify laws applicable to regulation of pedestrians and bicycles; and**
- 3. Explain administrative implications of pedestrian and bicycle laws.**

I. Pedestrian and Bicycle Laws have become Increasingly Important.

A. It's Recreation

1. Walking
2. Running
3. Biking

B. It's the Economy

1. Transportation costs are up.
2. Wages have become stagnant.
3. Unemployment has climbed

C. Walking and Biking are Means of Transportation

1. Texas Public Transportation (and the lack therefore of)
2. They are free (but you are not)
3. But they are not viewed comparably to other forms of transportation.

II. What Laws are Applicable to Pedestrian and Bicycles?

A. Federal Law

1. The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act (49 USC 301)
2. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (49 CFR 571)

B. State Law

1. Operation of Bicycles, Mopeds, and Play Vehicles (Chapter 551 of the Transportation Code)
2. Pedestrians (Chapter 552 of the Transportation Code)

C. Local Law

1. County Regulations
2. Municipal Ordinances

III. What are the Administrative Implication of Pedestrian and Bicycle Laws?

A. Court Costs

1. Transportation Code
2. Ordinance

B. State Reporting

1. Department of Public Safety
2. Office of Court Administration

C. Probation

1. Driving Safety Course (Art. 45.0511, Code of Criminal Procedure)
2. Deferred Disposition (Art. 45.051, Code of Criminal Procedure)
3. Teen Court (Art. 45.052, Code of Criminal Procedure)