



CALIFORNIA'S AB 413 DAYLIGHTING LAW

MAKING STREETS SAFER FOR PEDESTRIANS



BACKGROUND

In 2023, over 1,000 pedestrians were killed on California's roads, and the state's pedestrian fatality rate is nearly 25% higher than the national average. As a result, AB 413 was introduced to help enhance pedestrian and driver safety. Better known as the Daylighting law, the new regulation went into effect on January 1, 2025.

Over 40 states have already implemented Daylighting laws that have resulted in a significant decrease in pedestrian accidents. According to the US Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration, Daylighting laws can reduce pedestrian crashes by roughly 30%.



IMPACT

The Daylighting law provides better visibility for drivers approaching crosswalks. By keeping the road ahead of crosswalks clear, people walking and people driving can see each other better, which ultimately reduces the number of pedestrian accidents. The goal is simply to make streets safer for everyone. AB 413 was sponsored by the California Bicycle Coalition (CalBike) and Streets For All.

As part of the implementation of this new law, street curbs will be painted red to indicate where parking is now prohibited. This impact will result in reduced parking on public streets and increased driver responsibility, as all curbs and crosswalks may not be clearly marked.

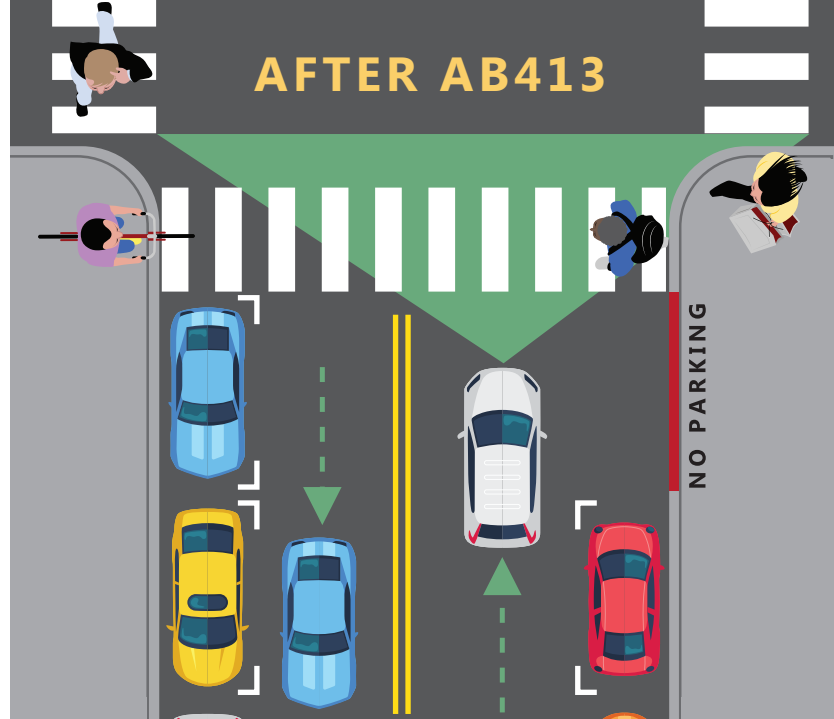


WHAT TO EXPECT IN FOSTER CITY

Foster City is prioritizing painting red curbs near school zones first. Curbs around areas popular with pedestrians or bikers such as parks and shopping centers will follow, as crews work to address all affected areas across the city. The Foster City Police Department will be working to educate the public about this change in state law.



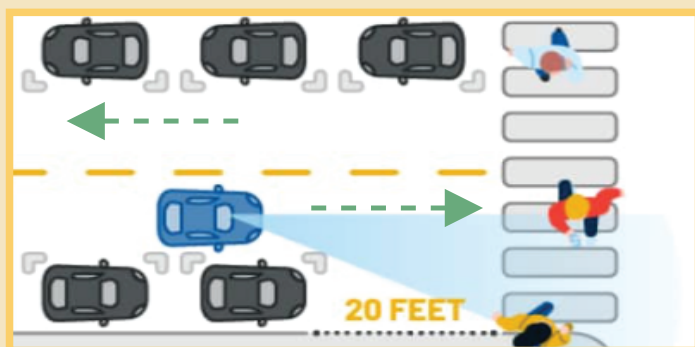
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HOW IT WORKS

The Daylighting law prohibits drivers from parking, stopping, or stalling within 20 feet from the vehicle approach side of a marked or unmarked crosswalk, or within 15 feet of the vehicle approach side of a crosswalk where a curb extension is present.

Not all curbs will be painted red or clearly marked as "no parking," which means it's up to drivers to learn the law, regardless of posted signage. Drivers who do not adhere to the law may be ticketed.



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ✓ Do not park or stall your vehicle within 20 feet of the vehicle approach side of a crosswalk.
- ✓ Crosswalks may be marked or unmarked.
- ✓ If a curb extension is present, drivers must keep a 15 foot distance to the vehicle approach side of a crosswalk.
- ✓ Crews are in the process painting curbs red, but full implementation will take some time. Drivers should adhere to the new law regardless of paint.
- ✓ The Daylighting law is now in effect and drivers may be ticketed.