

MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Subject: **Operation ALERT Today Florida**

The Miami Police Department joined with the University of North Florida, in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation, which provides funding for this program, began a Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Campaign in January 2023. The City of Miami Police Department has police officers stationed throughout the City of Miami at various identified intersections where pedestrians and bicyclists have been struck in the past. Officers have also been handing out flyers with pedestrian and bicyclist safety tips, Florida State Laws and requirements for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

The goal of this campaign is to make bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists aware of Florida State Laws, in an effort to reduce crashes. The Miami Police Department will be entering the second phase of this program on February 1, 2023. This second phase requires a **zero-tolerance** approach for anyone who violates Florida's Traffic Laws. Miami Police Officers will be out citing motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians who are caught committing infractions that endanger traffic safety throughout the City of Miami.

The goal of this enforcement effort is to increase awareness and compliance with traffic laws that protect the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists in the City of Miami.

Remember:

Drivers: Obey speed limits, never drive impaired, and always watch for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Bicyclists: Obey traffic laws, ride in the direction of traffic, and use lights when riding at night.

Pedestrians: Cross in crosswalks or at intersections, obey pedestrian signals, and make sure you are visible to drivers when walking any time, especially at night.

Members of the local media are invited and encouraged to support our effort by passing this information during their local news coverage. For additional information, please call (305) 603-6540 or visit <http://www.AlertTodayFlorida.com>



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