



Sacramento Car vs. Pedestrian Accident Injures Two People

Two elderly women were rushed to the hospital with personal injuries after they were both hit by a car in Downtown Sacramento. The accident occurred last Thursday in the morning as they were both crossing the street on the intersection of 17th and K Streets. They were struck by the Toyota FJ. Both victims were taken to the UC Davis Medical Center by the ambulances and were reported to be in serious condition. The Sacramento car accident remains under investigation. We do not know if alcohol or drugs were involved.

California Pedestrian Accidents

California Highway Patrol records indicate that there were 14,047 injury accidents involving pedestrians in California in 2008.

The cause of this collision remains under investigation so the full details of the Sacramento accident are not known. In all pedestrian versus car collisions, witness accounts are essential. However there may be other information that can influence who will be deemed responsible, in whole or in part, for a collision. California Vehicle Code section 21950 says: "The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection", also the driver who is approaching a pedestrian within any marked or unmarked crosswalk "shall exercise all due care and shall reduce the speed of a vehicle or take any other action relating to the operating of the vehicle as necessary to safeguard the safety of the pedestrian."

The driver of a vehicle must drive safely around pedestrians no matter where

they are walking, and a driver can be held legally liable for injuries to a pedestrian even if they were not in a cross walk at the time they were hit. Determining who is at fault in a pedestrian versus auto collision usually requires a very fact specific investigation that includes consideration of the speed of the vehicle, the visibility of the pedestrian, road conditions, and whether avoidance measures were taken.

Pedestrians injured by a motor vehicle should seek the counsel of an experienced Sacramento Injury Attorney who will analyze all of the factors involved in an incident and will hold the negligent parties accountable. If roadway conditions were a factor, a public or governmental entity may have liability. It is important to consult with a California Personal Injury lawyer quickly since any claim against a public or governmental agency must be filed within 180 days of the accident or injury. An experienced personal injury attorney will advise injury victims of their rights, including whether they are entitled to recover medical expenses, lost income and pain and suffering as a result of the incident.

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