



Sacramento Man Injured While Crossing Road in Wheelchair

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A 68-year-old Sacramento man was hospitalized with **head trauma** Monday after he was struck by a Dodge Ram truck while crossing Elkhorn Boulevard in his wheelchair. The driver of the truck, who had just exited westbound I-80, found the victim on the ground bleeding from his head. The **Sacramento accident** remains under investigation.

California Highway Patrol records indicate that 14,047 pedestrians were injured by motorists in California in 2008. The injuries are often serious, and sometimes deadly, because of the force that a vehicle imparts to an exposed body.

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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", and that a driver 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." 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.

The driver of a vehicle 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. 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 all 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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