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Nebraska's Updated Move-Over Law Supports Safer Streets and Walkable Communities

As fall settles in and communities prepare for Halloween festivities, the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) reminds drivers to stay alert for pedestrians, bicyclists, and trick-or-treaters. This season also brings attention to Nebraska's updated move-over law, which took effect on September 3 and now requires motorists to slow down and move over for all stopped vehicles and vulnerable road users, including people walking, biking, or using crosswalks.

"This change is a big step forward for pedestrian safety," said Janelle Visser, Injury Prevention Coordinator at Panhandle Public Health District. "It reinforces the importance of protecting our most vulnerable road users, including students walking or biking to school."

The updated move-over law was passed earlier this year as part of LB 530, an omnibus public safety bill signed by Governor Jim Pillen. In addition to expanding driver responsibilities for roadside safety, the law also increases speeding fines and allows for temporary speed limit reductions during adverse conditions.

For communities involved in Safe Routes to School programs, the updated law strengthens walking and biking safety efforts by offering additional legal protections for students and families. "With this law in effect, we can promote walkable routes to school with even greater confidence," said Visser, Injury Prevention Coordinator. "Every parent wants to know that their child can safely cross the street or bike to school, and this is one more layer of protection."

NDOT traffic engineers have begun installing new signage to alert drivers to the updated law and continue to monitor conditions for safety improvements. Communities are encouraged to educate residents about the law and support programs that make walking and biking to school safer and more accessible for all.

For additional information about worksite wellness, visit <http://www.pphd.ne.gov/pwwc.html> or call Berosek at 308-279-3496. The Panhandle Worksite Wellness Council is proudly part of Panhandle Public Health District.



The Council specializes in supporting employers in the Panhandle region. We recognize that many employers support a diverse and remote workforce and offer innovative ways to overcome the challenge of working with a virtual team. We understand that many of our employers do not have full-time wellness resources and work to provide resources and training to make running a worksite wellness program as easy as possible.

Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety and quality of life for all who live, learn, work and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle community.