

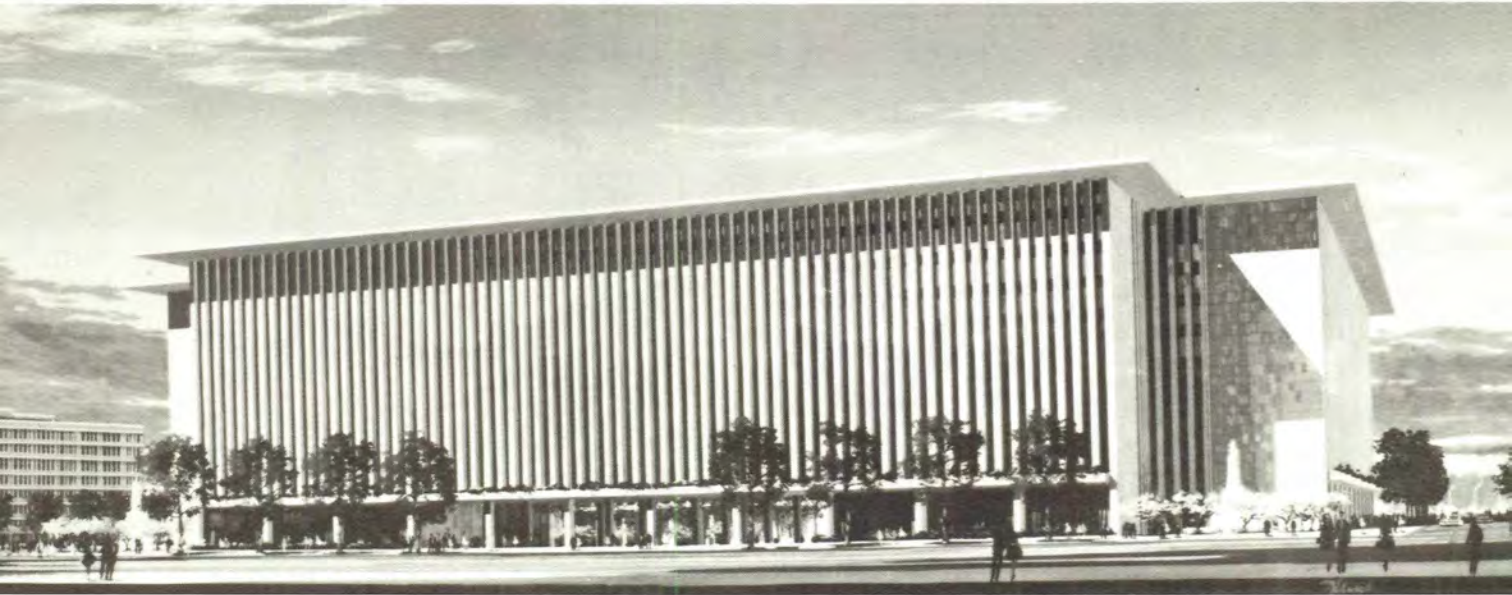


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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The D.C. Police Department has announced a crackdown on pedestrian traffic violations in an all-out effort to reduce pedestrian injuries and fatalities. Some of the habits of both drivers and pedestrians may cost them \$\$ in fines for safety violations.

NHTSA reminds us that some 57% of all urban pedestrian traffic accidents fall within seven identifiable types. Reviewing those types and following the precautions suggested could save you money, injury, or maybe your life! A few examples are given below (additions will appear in a future issue):

Type No. 1 - "Dartout:" Pedestrian darting quickly into the roadway, not at an intersection.

Precaution: Pedestrians who move quickly out into the roadway do not have adequate time to look for oncoming cars and do not give drivers enough time to see them. Whenever you cross a street, particularly midblock, stop (pause) at the curb if there are no parked vehicles or at the outside edge of a parked vehicle and look left, then right, then left again before entering the traveled portion of the roadway.

Type No. 2 - "Intersection Dash:" A quick crossing attempt at or near an intersection.

Precaution: Pedestrians who run into the street without first looking for oncoming vehicles do not give drivers adequate time to see them and have difficulty performing an adequate search. Furthermore, by running before they know it is safe, they reduce the time they have to react to an unexpected vehicle in their path. When crossing a street, do not run until you have looked left, then right, then left again and you are sure no vehicles are close enough to endanger you. In other words, run out of trouble when you see it but never run into trouble.

Type No. 3 - "Vehicle turn--attention conflict:" Driver attempting to turn into traffic attends to traffic in one direction and strikes pedestrian in other direction.

Precaution for drivers: When turning a corner there are a lot of things you must pay attention to. With all of the possible vehicle-to-vehicle confrontations, you may neglect to search completely for pedestrians. Therefore, when turning a corner, look in all directions for a safe route to follow, then, before turning, look again for pedestrians.

Precaution for pedestrians: Attempt to gain eye contact. Exchange a "friendly" signal of understanding as to each other's intent. Watch for movement of the vehicle's wheels even though you've been signalled to cross.

EXERCISE FACILITY

The DOT exercise facility in the headquarters building will be closed for a month for modifications and repairs from August 3 to September 3, 1975.

THE DOT EMPLOYEE RECREATION ASSOCIATION OFFERS REDUCED RATE TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

The DOT/ERA announces that their travel program for the remainder of 1975 includes trips at charter rates to Spain, Mexico, Italy, Russia, Hawaii, Las Vegas, etc. etc. Printed fliers giving trip details and costs are available at the following locations:

DOT Hqs. Bldg.	-	Room 4338
FOB-10A	-	Near Cafeteria
TRPT	-	Lobby (Near Guard Station)