



PROTECTING PEDESTRIANS

UNREPORTED CRASHES BY PEDESTRIANS

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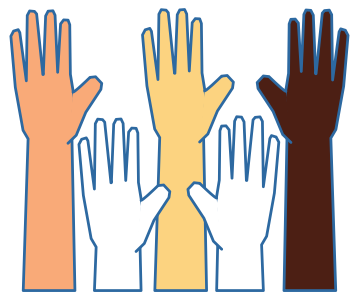
instances of pedestrians seeking medical treatment
at hospitals after being struck by a motor vehicle
without reporting it to the police



WHY ARE CRASHES NOT REPORTED?

Race & Ethnicity

Nearly 60% of pedestrian crashes involving Blacks went unreported. Almost 57% of cases involving Whites, and 54% involving Hispanics also went unreported.



Poverty

Zip codes with the most unreported crashes per capita on average had double the poverty rate and 2.6 times the carless household rate as the rest of Illinois.



Substance Use

66% percent of struck pedestrians diagnosed at the hospital with an intoxicating substance did not report the incident to police.

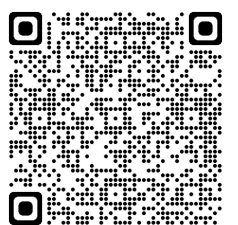


Why This Matters

Without correct data on where pedestrians are being struck, the communities that need the most resources may not receive them.



Funded by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Illinois Department of Public Health in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the University of Illinois successfully linked Illinois crash and hospital records for the years 2016 through 2018.



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