

Dusk and Darkness Safety Campaign

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Daylight savings time ends on November 2. As the sun sets earlier, we want to remind all drivers to be extra cautious. The darkness makes it harder to see other vehicles and pedestrians. Every year, collisions increase after nightfall, but with added attention and safer driving habits, we can help prevent them.

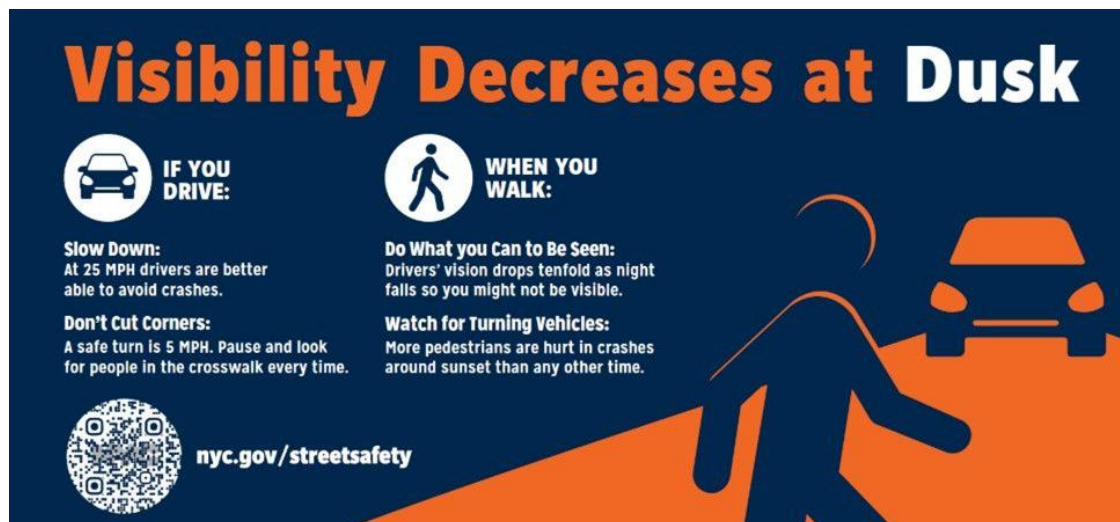
On October 27, the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Vision Zero agencies [announced](#) this year's Dusk and Darkness Safety Campaign. The Dusk and Darkness campaign was first launched in 2016. For 9 years, teams including staff from DOT, the New York City Police Department (NYPD), Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC), Business Integrity Commission

(BIC), Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), and DCAS have been online and in the streets spreading awareness and talking to commuters, drivers, and bicyclists about road safety.

At DCAS, we're prioritizing vehicle and truck design improvements that enhance safety, especially at night. Features such as high-vision cabs, surround cameras, side guards, heated mirrors, driver alert systems, and backup cameras all play a vital role in protecting drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists. And these efforts are having an impact. Since Vision Zero, the city fleet has dramatically reduced crashes involving pedestrians.

And, of course, we are only expanding these efforts. As DCAS recently [announced](#), we will make Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) standard for all new civilian fleet vehicles going forward.

These design upgrades are important but safety still begins and ends with the driver. DCAS has trained online and in person over 120,000 fleet operators and this continues.



Driving at night is hard. If you can avoid driving, do so. Take public transportation, walk, bike, or meet virtually.

If you must drive, remember that darkness significantly limits visibility, making it harder to spot people and bicyclists, judge distance, and respond quickly.

Slow down when turning, check carefully for people walking or biking, and yield when necessary. Before heading out, ensure your headlights, mirrors, and wipers are clean and functioning correctly. And don't get distracted. Safe driving is focused driving. Do not use a phone, hand-held or hands-free, when driving.

Our message to City government's 80,000 full and part-time fleet operators is simple:

Drive slowly, with care, caution, and respect, for everyone on the road, every minute, every mile.

Stay safe. Happy Halloween and Election Day.

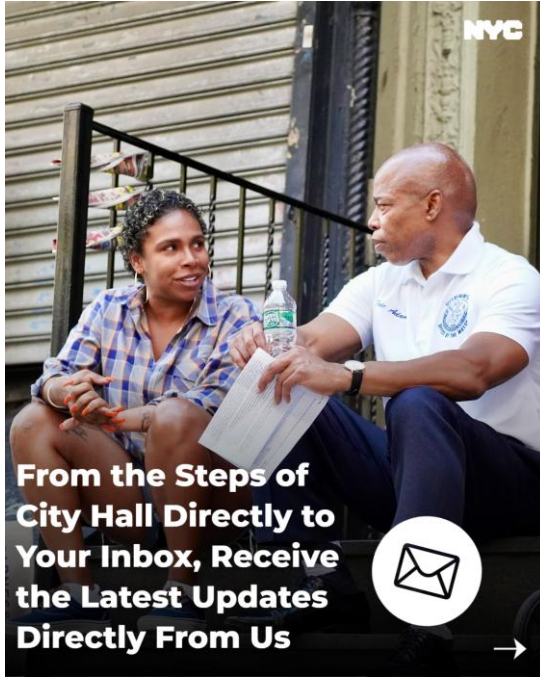


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- We laid out [major improvements to the Jewel Streets neighborhood](#), including sewers to fix year-round flooding and plans for 5,000 new affordable homes on city-owned land.
- We celebrated another round of wiping out New Yorkers' medical debt, [relieving \\$135 million of medical debt for 75,000 working-class New Yorkers](#) as part of a larger goal to cancel \$2 billion of medical debt for 500,000 New Yorkers.
- We announced the first ever [Municipal Child Care Pilot Program](#) to provide FREE, on-site child care for some of our city employees starting next September to save them money and improve employee retention.

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