

NC Car Accident Lawyers Responds to Raleigh Vision Zero Plan Data Showing Persistent Pedestrian Risks

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NC Car Accident Lawyers has expanded its legal resources for pedestrian accident victims following Raleigh's completion of its Vision Zero Comprehensive Safety Action Plan in late 2025. The federally funded initiative, which aims to eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes by 2045, reveals ongoing pedestrian safety challenges on Raleigh roadways, particularly along Capital Boulevard, designated as North Carolina's most dangerous roadway for three consecutive years.

The Vision Zero plan, funded by a $1 million federal Safe Streets and Roads for All grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, included signal and pedestrian safety upgrades at Capital Boulevard and Calvary Drive, identified as the most dangerous intersection in North Carolina. Despite these infrastructure improvements, data shows Raleigh recorded 190 pedestrian crashes and 13 pedestrian deaths in 2024, with pedestrians accounting for more than one in four traffic fatalities in 2023.

Raleigh's pedestrian collision rate continues to exceed the North Carolina state average, according to North

Carolina Department of Transportation data. The 2023 statistics showed 23,295 total crashes resulting in 41 fatalities, with 11 crashes involving pedestrians. These figures coincide with Raleigh's designation as one of the fastest-growing large metro areas in the United States, where population growth has outpaced infrastructure development.

"The Vision Zero plan's data confirms what we observe in practice - pedestrian accidents remain a significant risk despite infrastructure improvements," said John Harrison, Managing Attorney at NC Car Accident Lawyers. "North Carolina's contributory negligence law creates a particularly challenging legal environment for pedestrian accident victims. Any finding of fault on the pedestrian's part, even as little as one percent, completely bars recovery under state law."

The contributory negligence standard in North Carolina represents one of the strictest liability rules in the country, with only four other states and the District of Columbia maintaining similar laws. Insurance companies routinely attempt to assign partial blame to pedestrians for actions such as crossing outside designated crosswalks or entering roadways, even when drivers bear primary responsibility for crashes. This legal framework affects how pedestrian accident cases proceed through the claims process.

The firm reports an increase in pedestrian accident cases correlating with Raleigh's population growth and the concentration of crashes along specific corridors. With Capital Boulevard's ongoing designation as a high-risk area and continued development throughout Wake County, the demand for Raleigh pedestrian accident lawyer representation reflects broader safety concerns identified in the Vision Zero assessment.

According to transportation safety experts, the combination of rapid urban growth and existing infrastructure limitations creates ongoing risks for pedestrians. The Vision Zero plan identified multiple high-risk corridors throughout Raleigh requiring long-term improvements beyond the initial federal funding period.

NC Car Accident Lawyers notes that the Vision Zero plan's 20-year timeline for eliminating traffic fatalities means current pedestrian accident victims face immediate legal challenges that infrastructure improvements cannot address. The firm provides case evaluation and representation on a contingency fee basis for pedestrian accident victims navigating North Carolina's contributory negligence framework.

NC Car Accident Lawyers is a personal injury law firm serving accident victims throughout North Carolina, with offices in Raleigh, Durham, and Charlotte. The firm represents individuals injured in car accidents, pedestrian accidents, motorcycle accidents, truck accidents, and rideshare collisions. NC Car Accident Lawyers Raleigh pedestrian accident lawyer services operate on a contingency fee basis, meaning clients pay nothing unless the firm recovers compensation on their behalf.

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