



California AB413

California's new Daylighting Law

California AB413 aims at improving pedestrian safety by expanding parking restrictions near pedestrian crossings.

Introducing California AB413:

California AB413, also known as the "Daylighting" law adds new regulations to the California Vehicle Code aimed at improving pedestrian safety across the state. The law was introduced in response to rising pedestrian fatalities and injuries on California roads. It emphasizes the need for better crosswalk visibility and paves the way for other pedestrian safety improvements, like signage and the use of technology to enhance the safety of pedestrian crosswalks.

What Drivers Need to Know about the Daylighting Law:

- California Vehicle Code Section 22500(n)(1)(A) prohibits parking within 20 feet of the approach side of marked or unmarked crosswalks, and within 15 feet of any intersection with a curb extension. Note: This is referred to as Daylighting zone in this brochure. The no-parking Daylighting zone is similar to no-parking zone for fire hydrants, whether curbs are painted red or not.
- Local cities may begin issuing citations for people who park in Daylighting zones starting on January 1, 2025.
- A warning or parking citation may be issued even if there are no signs or curb markings present.

Why Daylighting is Important:

- Removing vehicle parking within 20 feet of an intersection increases visibility for both pedestrians and drivers.
- Drivers are more likely to see a pedestrian waiting to cross the road, and pedestrians don't need to step into traffic in order to see approaching vehicles.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I recognize Daylighting zones?

Measured 20 feet from marked crosswalks or unmarked crosswalks where ordinary pedestrians generally cross from corner to corner at an intersection. Measured 15 feet if there is a curb extension, such as a bulb-out.

Are Daylighting zones painted red curb?

Parking is not permitted within Daylighting zones regardless of curb colors. As a reference, 20-feet is about the length of a Ford F-150 or Dodge Ram. 15-feet is the same length of no-parking zone measured from a fire hydrant.

What happens if I park at a daylighting zone?

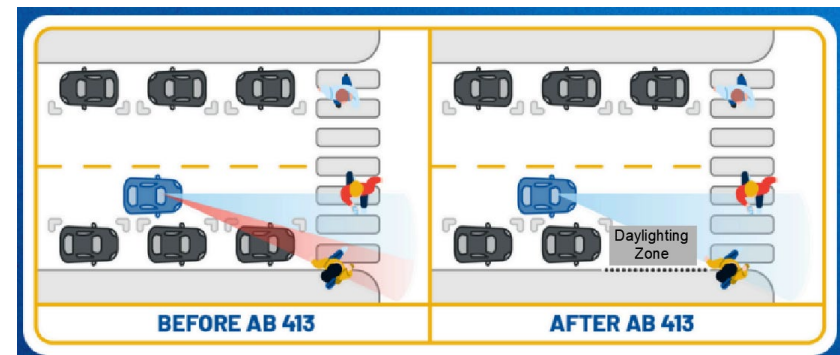
The Town is issuing citations for people who park within Daylighting zones.

What's the difference between a marked and unmarked crosswalk?

Marked crosswalks are indicated with pavement markings such as striped lines. Such indications are not present for unmarked crosswalks. An unmarked crosswalk is a pedestrian pathway at an intersection that does not have painted lines.

What is a curb extension?

A curb extension narrows the roadway by extending the sidewalk into the road. These extensions aim to reduce the distance of pedestrian crossing and improve road users' visibility.



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