VCSU SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURES:
Pedestrian Safety

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), pedestrian fatalities account for about 12 percent of all fatalities and 85 percent of all non-occupant fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. It is imperative that everyone takes responsibility for your personal safety while walking on campus. By recognizing and understanding traffic rules, the importance of obeying traffic laws and by practicing pedestrian safety, it can greatly reduce the risk of injury and death.

Pedestrian Safety Guidelines

- Cross the street at marked crosswalks or at intersections, and observe traffic-control signals.
- Remember to watch for bicyclists at all times— even when you are on a sidewalk.
- Make eye contact with oncoming motorists and cyclists, and indicate your intention to cross.
- Watch for turning vehicles and make sure the driver sees you and will stop for you. Do not assume the driver can see you.
- Look across all lanes you must cross. Just because one motorist stops, do not presume the drivers in the other lanes can see you and will stop for you.
- As a pedestrian it is important to be observant— avoid using cell phones, listening to your music, or other actions that would distract you from your surroundings.
- Stay to the right on shared pathways— if walking alongside a road without sidewalks, always walk or jog facing traffic.
- VCSU receives shipments daily that are carried in by semi-trucks. Be mindful when crossing the street near a large delivery truck— do not assume they can see you! The larger the vehicle the more blind spots there are— always be alert in these situations.
- **Never assume that a driver will stop for you!** Take the extra time and wait for the vehicle to pass before crossing an intersection!