

Yale University Traffic Safety Committee Mission Statement

The Yale Traffic Safety Committee brings together a diverse group of Yale faculty, staff and students (from various campus administrative units) to reduce risks to motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists while they navigate the streets and sidewalks of New Haven. To the extent practicable, we promote the five “Es” of traffic safety: Evaluation, Encouragement, Enforcement, Engineering and Education. The Yale Traffic Safety Committee is a standing advisory subcommittee of the University Safety Committee with the following responsibilities:

Data Gathering, Review and Evaluation

- Review observations, behaviors, traffic patterns, infrastructure, accidents, incidents and near misses on Yale campus and the surrounding area.
- Receive and discuss traffic safety comments and complaints from Yale students, faculty and staff.
- Create and disseminate surveys on motor vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Evaluate changes and steps taken to improve traffic safety.

Prioritization: Provide advice on priorities for action, based on risk and feasibility.

Ideation, Advice and Proposals for Solutions

- Create and implement education campaigns to improve the safe behavior of pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers.
- Suggest, recommend, facilitate and encourage improvements to motor vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Facilitate Yale’s partnership with the City of New Haven with respect to enforcement, engineering and design, and student, faculty and staff education.

Scope of Traffic Safety Committee Activities

- **Safety education, outreach and information for students, faculty and staff:** The Traffic Safety Committee often leads these safety education and information campaigns on campus, although coordination with City messaging is important.
- **Engineering and design:** The Traffic Safety Committee provides advice from the information it gathers and receives, but usually relies on campus and city experts for design improvements to walkways, bike paths, intersections and streets.
- **Enforcement:** The Traffic Safety Committee observes or hears of compliance problems, which they forward to the Yale and New Haven Police Departments to suggest priorities for enforcing pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers safety rules and laws.

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