

Intersection Daylighting



What Is Daylighting?

The new Intersection Daylighting Law (California Assembly Bill 413), which was implemented at the beginning of 2024, makes it illegal to park within 20 feet of the approach of any marked or unmarked crosswalk, even if there are no signs or curb markings or 15 feet of any crosswalk where a curb extension is present.



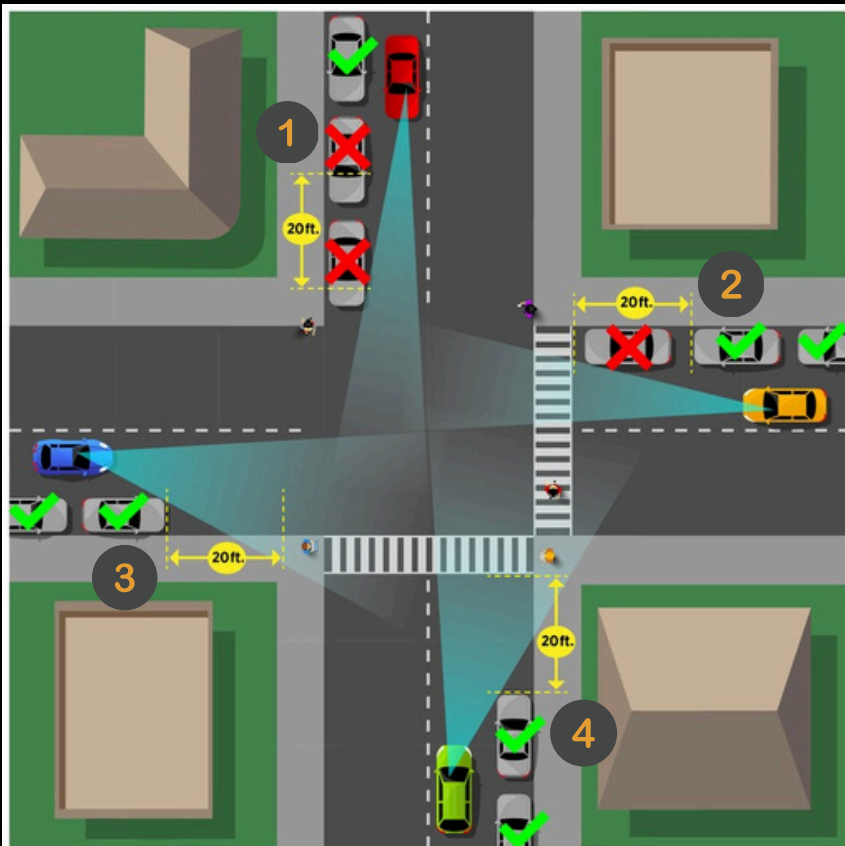
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The goal of the new law is to improve the safety of all roadway users by increasing visibility at intersections. Vehicles that are parked immediately adjacent to marked or unmarked crossings limit visibility of pedestrians, which increases the risk for pedestrian related severe injury or fatal collisions. Removing the obstruction of parked vehicles will allow drivers to have a clear view of pedestrians waiting to cross the street while at the same time allowing pedestrians to see approaching cars without having to step into the intersection to see past a parked vehicle before crossing.



What You Can Do

Leave at least 20 feet, the length of one large car, between your car and a marked or unmarked crosswalk.



How It Works

Leaving a clearance of 20 feet provides a greater field of visibility for all roadway users (as shown in scenarios #3 and #4 to the left), whereas not providing that clearance greatly reduces the visibility (as shown in scenarios #1 and #2 to the left).