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Coalinga Police Department Advises Residents of New California “Daylighting” Law

The Coalinga Police Department is reminding residents and visitors that California Assembly Bill 413, also known as the “Daylighting” law, took effect on January 1, 2025. This new state law is designed to improve pedestrian safety by increasing visibility at crosswalks and intersections. Under AB 413, **it is now illegal to stop, stand, or park within 20 feet of the approach side of any crosswalk, whether it is marked or unmarked.** For crosswalks with curb extensions (also called bulb-outs), the restriction is reduced to 15 feet. The law applies regardless of whether curbs are painted red or signage is posted.

What This Means for Drivers in Coalinga:

- Do not park within 20 feet of a crosswalk on the approach side (the side a vehicle would drive up to before crossing).
- At intersections with curb extensions, keep 15 feet clear.
- The restriction applies to all crosswalks, including those without painted lines.

Warning Period in Effect

The Coalinga Police Department understands this law is new and will be implementing an **initial warning period** before issuing citations. During this time, officers will focus on educating drivers through warnings, informational flyers, and community outreach.

For more information on AB 413 please contact the Coalinga Police Department at (559) 935-1525 x161.