

Enforcing pedestrian safety in UAE

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Dalliance with death is an everyday fact for many pedestrians on the highways and streets, while on their way to office, or school or a trip to a shopping mall.

Despite having many pedestrian crossings and subways, scores of people are killed every year while trying to dash across the roads in the UAE.

And each year authorities redouble their efforts to reduce the number of fatalities by erecting high medians and fencing off highways to deny jaywalkers access.

Officials say pedestrians are lazy and do not walk some distance to use the pedestrian bridges, but residents counter that by saying many arterial roads lack adequate numbers of crossings.

As the debate over pedestrian facilities continues, *Gulf News* photographer Virendra Saklani found some terrifying scenes being played out on the streets.

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