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Incident: Abbotsford Police Release Impactful Road Safety Video

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Today the Abbotsford Police Department is releasing video of a collision that took place in the city on Monday, December 10, 2012. A 64 year old man was struck while walking across Hillcrest Avenue at Parkview Street. Despite being in a marked crosswalk during daylight hours and walking through an intersection with good sightlines, the pedestrian was still launched 50 feet when he was struck by a passenger car. The driver of that vehicle remained on scene and cooperated fully with the police investigation. She advised that she was momentarily distracted by glancing at her purse just prior to the collision. We believe the video illustrates what can occur when a driver is momentarily distracted. The pedestrian survived the crash but he definitely still has a long recovery in front of him. This could have so easily been another fatal collision and the APD and all those involved are extremely grateful it was not.

We are asking drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and the community to join us in making Road Safety the top priority in 2013. Please share the video and discuss Road Safety with your friends and family. Be advised that the contents of the video may be disturbing to some people.

<http://youtu.be/XPLkrlSkKEE> (English)

<http://youtu.be/4DdgZnyte7g> (Punjabi)

Stay Alert, Slow Down and Think Safe.

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