Driving on Base

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Roads on the Air Force Academy can pose unique challenges due to rapidly changing weather, increased traffic during sports events and unpredictable wildlife. Speeding is the leading cause of accidents on base -- speed limits on the Academy are 45 mph unless otherwise posted.

Intersections on the Academy with high accident rates include Stadium Boulevard and North Gate Boulevard, Stadium Boulevard and Academy Drive, and Stadium Boulevard and Pine Drive. The 10th Security Forces Squadron encourages drivers to practice extra caution at these intersections.

Wildlife such as deer, turkey, elk and bears commonly visit Academy roadways. Drivers must also share the road with bicyclists, pedestrians, joggers and other recreational enthusiasts.

Snow and ice are common on the Academy. During winter weather conditions, speed limits on base are reduced to 35 mph (or 10 mph slower than the posted speed limit). The Academy may close some roads due to snowfall -- do not attempt to go around closed gates! In addition to receiving a hefty fine, you jeopardize your own safety and risk losing on-base driving privileges.

Sports events, notably football games at Falcon Stadium, jam streets on the Academy. If you're attending a football game, arrive early. If not, please wait to visit until after the game.