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**Abstract** 

Purpose: Unsafe behaviors are an important cause of accidents in adolescent age groups. This

study was designed to examine the behaviors of adolescent pedestrians in southern Iran.

Methods: This is a descriptive analytical cross-sectional study. The study population consisted

of high school students in Shiraz, capital city of Fars Province, Iran. Five hundred and sixteen

students were selected by multi-stage sampling. Data were collected by the use of three

questionnaires, which included Persian copies of adolescent road user behavior questionnaire

(ARBQ), Duke University Religious Index (DUREL), as well as the context and independent

variables questionnaire.

Results: The results showed that a decrease in dangerous behaviors on the road resulted in an

increase in respondents' intrinsic religiosity. Also, engagement in unsafe crossing behavior in the

road decreased with increasing respondents' intrinsic religiosity. Another finding showed that

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