WHY AM I RESPONSIBLE FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR?

THE CODE:

California Streets and Highways Code sections 5610-5629 requires property owners to maintain sidewalks in front of their property, even though this is within City right-of-way. This includes normal wear and tear, old and deteriorated sidewalks or damage caused by a tree within private property, or other damage caused by the property owner. The City may conduct temporary asphalt ramping but it is the property owner's responsibility to make permanent repairs to these conditions.

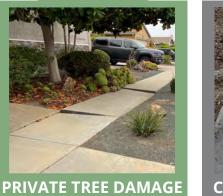
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY:

Under Council Policy 200-12, the City is responsible for the maintenance of sidewalk damage caused by water main breaks, heat expansion, City utility work, grade subsidence, and parkway trees.

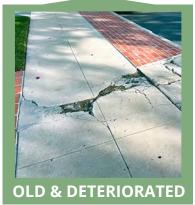
WHY YOU SHOULD FIX YOUR SIDEWALK:

The property owner may incur civil liability for a person suffering personal injury or property damage where the property owner caused or created the defective sidewalk condition. It is in the owners' best interest to maintain the sidewalk to reduce their risk and comply with California Streets and Highways Code sections 5610-5629.









Note: Photos shown above are examples of damaged sidewalks and do not convey all potential conditions.