

Crosswalk Safety: The Basics

A crosswalk exists at EVERY intersection whether it is painted with lines or not.

- Drivers must yield the right of way to pedestrians who are lawfully within a crosswalk.
- Pedestrians have the right of way at crosswalks, but only when approaching vehicles have enough time to stop. Always stop, look, and listen to ensure vehicles are going to stop before stepping into the street. Make sure all vehicles are stopped before crossing each lane.
- Pedestrians crossing the street at any location other than a crosswalk must yield the right of way to vehicles on the road.
- When crossing where there are traffic control devices, pedestrians must obey the signals.



- Drivers must avoid distractions such as cell phones and hand-held devices.
- It is illegal to pass a vehicle that has stopped at a crosswalk to allow a pedestrian to cross.

Remember: It is the responsibility of every person on the road — drivers and walkers — to use caution, obey traffic controls, and put safety first.

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