

## **WHAT ARE THE PEDESTRIAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN WALKING ON OR CROSSING A STREET?**

Florida Traffic Laws in the Florida Statutes, Chapter 316.130, indicates that pedestrians must follow traffic control devices and traffic regulations as follows:

1. A pedestrian shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device specifically applicable to him unless otherwise directed by a police officer.
2. Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic control signals at intersections as provided in section 316.075, but at all other places pedestrians shall be accorded the privileges and be subject to the restrictions stated in this chapter.
3. Where sidewalks are provided, no pedestrian shall, unless required by other circumstances, walk along and upon the portion of a roadway paved for vehicular traffic.
4. Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the shoulder on the left side of the roadway in relation to the pedestrian's direction of travel, facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.
5. No person shall stand in the portion of a roadway paved for vehicular traffic for the purpose of soliciting a ride, employment, or business from the occupant of any vehicle.
6. No person shall stand on or in proximity to a street or highway for the purpose of soliciting the watching or guarding of any vehicle while parked or about to be parked on a street or highway.
7. When traffic control signals are not in place or in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger. Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway.
8. No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.
9. Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.
10. Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.
11. Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.
12. No pedestrian shall, except in a marked crosswalk, cross a roadway at any other place than by a route at right angles to the curb, or by the shortest route to the opposite curb.
13. Pedestrians shall move, whenever practicable, upon the right half of crosswalks.
14. No pedestrian shall cross a roadway intersection diagonally; unless authorized by official traffic control devices, and when authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic control devices pertaining to such crossing movements.
15. Notwithstanding, other provisions of this chapter, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian or any person propelling a human-powered vehicle and give warning when necessary and exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any obviously confused or incapacitated person.

For more Pedestrian regulations see Florida Statutes, 316.130 at the link below:  
<http://www.flsenate.gov/Statutes/>