



CROSSWALK FAQ

There are two primary situations defined and different rules for each:

1. Pedestrians shall obey traffic control signals at intersections that have them.
2. At uncontrolled intersections (that is, intersections without traffic control signals) vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians in a crosswalk, whether marked or unmarked.

Crosswalks at Non-Controlled Intersections

RIGHT-OF-WAY OF PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALKS

1. General rule

When traffic-control signals are not in place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

2. Exercise of care by pedestrian

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 as to constitute a hazard.

3. Limitation on vehicles passing

Whenever any vehicle is stopped at any crosswalk at an intersection or at any marked crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

4. Application of section

Subsection (a) does not apply under the conditions stated in section 3543(b) (relating to pedestrians crossing at other than crosswalks).

5. Penalties

The driver of a vehicle who violates subsection (a) commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$50.

COMPLETE VERSION:
TRANSPORTATION CODE
TITLE 75. VEHICLES
CHAPTER 35 – SPECIAL VEHICLES
AND PEDESTRIANS
§ 3542.

Crosswalks at Controlled Intersections (with signals)

TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

1. A traffic control signal displaying green, red, and yellow lights or lighted arrows applies to a pedestrian as provided by this section unless the pedestrian is otherwise directed by a special pedestrian control signal.
2. A pedestrian facing a green signal may proceed across a roadway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk unless the sole green signal is a turn arrow.
3. A pedestrian facing a steady red signal alone or a steady yellow signal may not enter a roadway.

PEDESTRIAN RIGHT-OF-WAY IF CONTROL SIGNAL PRESENT

1. A pedestrian control signal displaying “Walk,” “Don’t Walk,” or “Wait” applies to a pedestrian as provided by this section.
2. A pedestrian facing a “Walk” signal may proceed across a roadway in the direction of the signal, and the operator of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to the pedestrian.
3. A pedestrian may not start to cross a roadway in the direction of a “Don’t Walk” signal or a “Wait” signal. A pedestrian who has partially crossed while the “Walk” signal is displayed shall proceed to a sidewalk or safety island while the “Don’t Walk” signal or “Wait” signal is displayed.

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TITLE 7. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC
SUBTITLE C. RULES OF THE ROAD
CHAPTER 552. PEDESTRIANS
Sec. 552.001.

