



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



AS PROMOTED BY THE CITY OF LAKELAND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COALITION

The streets running through the City of Lakeland are shared by motorists and pedestrians/bicyclists busy going to work, school, shopping or recreational activities around our beautiful lakes. This requires extra care on the part of both pedestrians and motorists. Florida law defines the exact legal responsibilities of both driver and pedestrian in Florida statute 316.130. (1) – (19). Remember only you can ensure your safety when traveling, either on foot, by bicycle, or in a vehicle.

PEDESTRIANS

A pedestrian shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device.

Where sidewalks are provided, any pedestrian shall, unless required by other circumstances, walk along and upon the portion of a roadway paved for vehicular traffic.

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.

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.

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.

Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.

A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as either a pedestrian violation or, if the infraction resulted from the operation of a vehicle, as a moving violation. You can find this section and more under Florida Statute 316.130. (1) – (19)

DRIVERS

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 over take and pass such stopped vehicle.

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.

If you are making a turn with a green light, a pedestrian crossing with the same green light has the right-of-way.

Be attentive when entering a crosswalk area. Be prepared to stop. Be aware that some pedestrians may "challenge" you.

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.

Publication and distribution of this material does not imply a guarantee for your personal safety or the protection of your property against possible loss. Everyone needs to make a conscientious effort to reduce their own potential for becoming a victim.



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