

# Pedestrians & The Law:

## ***What Drivers Need to Know***



***As a motorist, please be courteous to pedestrians because walking is good for health and our environment!***

1. **Every street corner is a “crosswalk”** even if it is not marked with crossing lines! The only exception is an intersection that is marked “No Crossing” by a black and white sign.
  - *Vehicles MUST yield to pedestrians at all legal crossings.*
2. When a **vehicle has stopped to wait for a pedestrian**, no other vehicles can pass the vehicle that has stopped to wait.
3. When a **school bus** has stopped and has its red lights flashing, all vehicles **MUST** wait until the lights stop flashing.
4. **Jay Walking** is when pedestrians cross in mid-block out of any marked crossing areas even though traffic lights are on both corners. If there are not traffic lights on both corners, it is legal for pedestrians to cross in the middle of the block.
  - *If pedestrians cross mid-block, the **pedestrian must yield to the vehicle**, and they must not “violate the speed of the oncoming vehicle.”*

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