

Everyone is a pedestrian at some point each day!

Pedestrians account for 10-15% of traffic fatalities each year. Over 550 pedestrians were injured and 45 were killed in motor vehicle crashes in Oregon in 2004.

Oregon's streets and highways are becoming busier – roadways that must be shared by drivers and pedestrians alike.

Seventy-five percent of driver errors in motor vehicle-pedestrian crashes are a failure of drivers to yield to the pedestrian. And half of the pedestrians who are struck by vehicles are hit while they are in a crosswalk.

Pedestrians and motorists both share in the responsibility of pedestrian safety.



Safety Tips

- Remember, under Oregon law there is a crosswalk at every intersection.
- Do not pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk. A stopped car may be a clue that a pedestrian is crossing. When stopping for a crosswalk on a multi-lane road, you should stop about 30 feet before the crosswalk so you don't block visibility to a driver in a second lane.
- When stopping at an intersection, do not block the crosswalk. This forces pedestrians to go around your vehicle and puts them in a dangerous situation.
- Watch for pedestrians, especially children, when exiting driveways or when backing out of parking spaces in parking lots.
- Pedestrians move at different speeds. Be alert for children who may suddenly dart into the street. Be patient with older adults who take extra time to cross the street.
- Around taverns and bars, be alert for people with slowed reaction times or impaired judgment.
- Be alert for people or animals during low-light conditions, especially in areas where they are likely to cross the road, or you might not see them until it is too late to stop.

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What you need to know about Oregon crosswalk laws



**The safety
of pedestrians is in
your hands...**

What's the problem?

Oregon's crosswalk laws were written to provide a buffer of safety for pedestrians on the roadway.

In collisions with cars, pedestrians are always the losers. Studies show a pedestrian hit at 40 mph has an 85% chance of dying.

When you choose to drive, you are responsible for a lethal machine.

What's the law?

A crosswalk¹ exists at any public street intersection, whether marked with paint or unmarked. Crosswalks also exist between intersections (mid-block) only if they are marked with white painted lines.

Under Oregon laws², a driver has specific duties to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, whether marked or unmarked. Here's what you need to know:

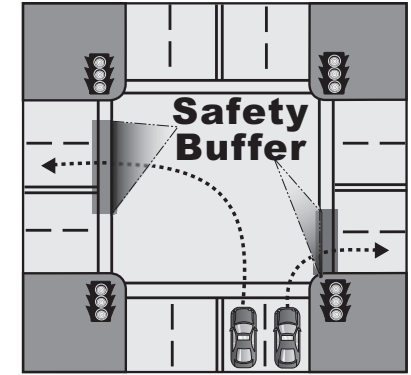
When turning at a traffic signal, drivers must:

- Stop and remain stopped for pedestrians until they have cleared the lane into which your vehicle is turning and at least 6 feet of the next lane.

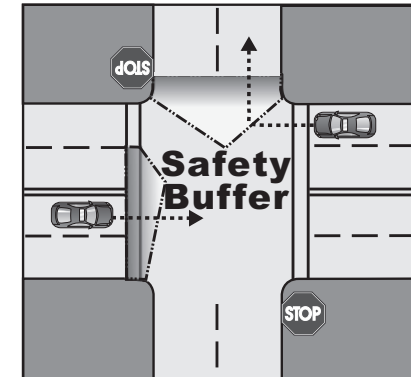
At any other crosswalks - whether marked with paint or unmarked - drivers must:

- Stop and remain stopped for pedestrians until they have cleared the lane in which you are traveling (or into which you are turning) and the next lane.
- Stop and remain stopped for students as you are directed by a crossing guard.
- Stop and remain stopped for a blind pedestrian using a white cane or a guide dog until the pedestrian is completely across the roadway.

If a pedestrian is in a safety buffer when the vehicle enters the crosswalk, the driver will be cited for a fine over \$200.



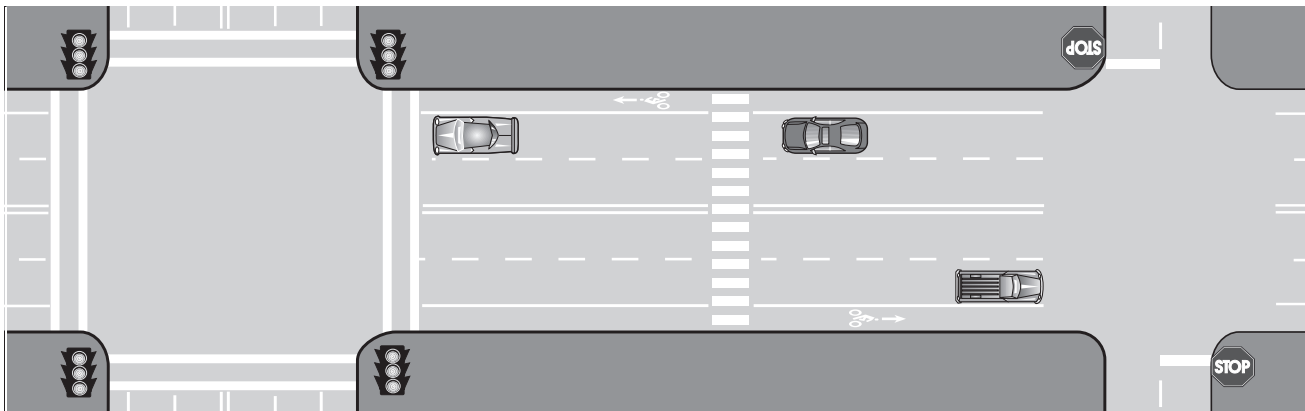
When turning at a signal, it's your lane plus six feet: Stop for the pedestrian, who must clear the lane into which the vehicle is turning and at least 6 feet of the next lane, before you proceed.



At any other crosswalk, it's your lane plus the next lane: Stop for the pedestrian, who must clear the lane in which the vehicle is traveling or turning and at least the next lane, before you proceed.

Be prepared

Oregon laws³ affect pedestrians, too. Pedestrians are required to obey traffic signals and walk safely. But, pedestrians are unprotected and vulnerable. You, as the driver, can **prevent terrible injury** by being prepared to stop and yield no matter who has the right of way. Saving a life is worth your time.



Marked Crosswalks

Mid-block Crosswalk

Unmarked Crosswalks