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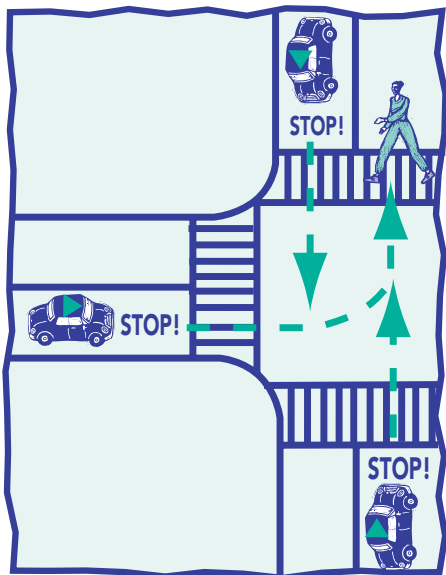


Who has the right of way?

## What Pedestrians Should Know About Their Rights and Responsibilities

### YOUR RIGHTS

**When you meet a motorist in the road, who has the right of way?** According to Georgia law, when you step into a crosswalk that has no signal, motorists must stop and stay stopped to allow you to cross.



**At crosswalks without signals, pedestrians always have the right of way.**

**Pedestrians also have the right of way over motorists who are:**

- Turning right or left on green lights
- Turning right on red
- Exiting driveways or alleys

This pamphlet identifies pedestrian rights and provides techniques for asserting them. Put these techniques to use, and you'll reduce your risk of being hit by a car. You'll also find yourself spending less time waiting to cross the street.

# Walk Carefully, and Carry a Loud Whistle!

## BE CONSPICUOUS

Motorists rarely look for people on foot. When they do see pedestrians, drivers often assume they will stay out of their way.

**Passive pedestrians who wave motorists on are part of the problem.**

**Use a whistle and/or body language** to remind drivers of your presence and to let them know you are serious about crossing the street.



**At night, wear light clothing** and carry a flashlight.

## CROSSWALKS WITHOUT SIGNALS

**You have the right of way in crosswalks—**as long as you enter the crosswalk safely.

When using a crosswalk, **do not step off the curb or sidewalk suddenly.** Get the attention of nearby drivers, and begin crossing only if they are far enough away to stop.

**When crossing multi-lane streets,** get the attention of oncoming drivers in each lane before stepping into it.

**Cross directly from curb to curb,** taking the shortest route possible.

**Remember that crosswalks are located at all four corners of most intersections,** whether or not they are marked by painted lines.

**When crossing outside of a crosswalk,** you must yield to all vehicles.

## CROSSING AT TRAFFIC SIGNALS

**If an intersection has a pedestrian push button, use it.** The signal will come on and give you more time to cross only if you push the button.

**Wait until the “Walk” symbol appears.** You may have to wait for the left turn arrow to finish its cycle.

**Look ahead or over your shoulder for left-turning motorists,** who are four times as hazardous to pedestrians as motorists going straight. Use a whistle and/or an outstretched arm to get them to stop.

**Use a whistle** to get drivers waiting to turn right on red to look to their passenger side.

**A flashing red hand or “don’t walk” signal means don’t start.** You may not enter the street, but if you have already begun you still have the right of way and should finish crossing.

## WALK FACING TRAFFIC

**Walking in the roadway is legal, but you must yield to all vehicles.** Walk facing traffic, so you can see oncoming cars and bicycles.