



SAFETY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

When you're driving:

- Yield to people in crosswalks. (GS § 20-173)
- Always look first for pedestrians and bicyclists before turning, backing up, and when driving at night.
- Pass bicyclists only when it is safe to do so and be sure to give them plenty of room. (GS § 20-149)
- Be prepared for bicyclists to take the whole lane —it's their right if they need it. (GS § 20-146)

When you're walking:

- Look for cars in all directions—including those turning left or right or backing up—before crossing the street or parking lot.
- Obey all pedestrian traffic signals. (GS § 20-172)
- At night, walk in well-lit areas, carry a flashlight, or wear something reflective to be more visible.
- Cross the street where you have the best view of traffic. At bus stops, cross behind the bus or at the nearest crosswalk.
- Always walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from the roadway as you can. (GS § 20-174)

When you're bicycling:

- Wear a helmet. It could save your life. (GS § 20-171.7)
- Obey all traffic signals and stop at "Stop" signs and red lights. (GS § 20-158)
- Ride in the direction of traffic and as far to the right as practicable. (GS § 20-146)
- Use front and rear lights and reflectors at night and be as visible as possible. (GS § 20-129 (e))
- Use hand signals to indicate when turning. (GS § 20-154)

Did you know that under North Carolina state law, drivers must yield to pedestrians in crosswalks—even if the crosswalk is not marked? (GS § 20-173)

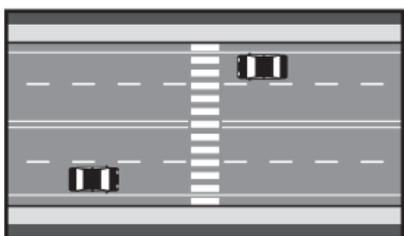
What's a crosswalk?

MARKED CROSSWALKS



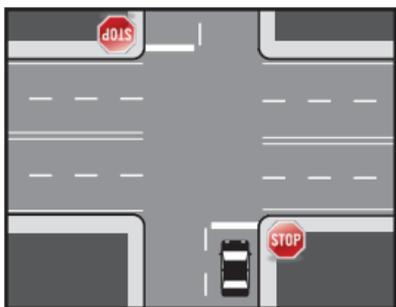
Crosswalks may be marked, either with two parallel white lines or a series of white blocks running across the street (or road).

MID-BLOCK CROSSWALK



These marked crosswalks are located in the middle of a block, not at an intersection.

UNMARKED CROSSWALKS



These crosswalks occur whenever a sidewalk ends at an intersection and continues on the other side. There is an implied crosswalk across the intersection.



For more information on pedestrian and bicycle laws in North Carolina, visit WatchForMeNC.org.

