



CITATION WARNING

YOU WERE OBSERVED VIOLATING NORTH CAROLINA PEDESTRIAN LAWS.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE LAWS IN THE FUTURE COULD LEAD TO ACTUAL FINES.

MOTORIST FAILED TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN:

Infraction, Court Appearance May be Waived

In a clearly marked crosswalk or in a regular pedestrian crossing at or near an intersection

G.S. 20-155(c) – “The driver of any vehicle upon a highway within a business or residence district shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing such highway within any clearly marked crosswalk, or any regular pedestrian crossing included in the prolongation of the lateral boundary lines of the adjacent sidewalk at the end of a block, except at intersections where the movement of traffic is being regulated by traffic officers or traffic direction devices.”

G.S. 20-173(a) – “Where 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 any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at or near an intersection, except as otherwise provided in Part II of this Article.”

Where another vehicle has already stopped

G.S. 20-173(b) – “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 overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.”

Traveling on sidewalk

G.S. 20-173(c) – “The driver of a vehicle emerging from or entering an alley, building entrance, private road, or driveway shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian, or person riding a bicycle, approaching on any sidewalk or walkway extending across such alley, building entrance, road, or driveway.”

PEDESTRIAN FAILED TO YIELD TO MOTORIST:

Infraction, Court Appearance May be Waived

When crossing at a location outside a crosswalk or where a grade-separated crossing is provided

G.S. 20-174(a) – “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.”

G.S. 20-174(b) – “Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.”

When crossing between adjacent signalized intersections

G.S. 20-174(c) – “Between adjacent intersections at which traffic-control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.”

We are trying to make our streets safer for everyone.

**Help us by cooperating and
encouraging others to do the same.**

*This warning was brought to you by the Watch For Me NC
program and your local police department.*

SAFETY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Each year, more than 2,400 pedestrians and 960 bicyclists are hit by cars on North Carolina roadways. The North Carolina Department of Transportation's Watch for Me NC program is working to reduce those numbers through better education and enforcement of pedestrian and bicycle laws.

When you're driving:

- Yield to people in crosswalks. (GS 20-155 ; 20-173)
- Always look first for pedestrians and bicyclists before turning, backing up, and when driving at night.
- Pass bicyclists with four feet of space in a no-passing zone; otherwise, safely pass with a minimum of two feet. (GS 20-149 ; 20-150(e))
- Be prepared for bicyclists to take the whole lane – it's their right if they need it. (GS 20-146 ; 20-148 ; 20-150)

When you're walking:

- Look for cars in all directions – including those turning left, right, or backing up – before crossing the street or a 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, as far from the travel lane as you can. (GS 20-174(d))

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. Be as visible as possible. (GS 20-129(e))
- Use hand signals to indicate stops and turns. (GS 20-154(b) and (b1))

**Learn more about how you can improve pedestrian
and bicycle safety at**

WatchForMeNC.org