

SAFETY CORNER

Public Safety Newsletter

TOPIC: School Safety Zones
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With school in full swing it is important to remind driver's of expectations and laws that must be followed in school safety zones. I will touch on just a few of the basics for drivers to keep in mind.

Crosswalks: 7-5-1: RIGHT OF WAY:

- A. The operator of any vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at the end of a block, except at intersections where the movement of traffic is being regulated by police officers or traffic control signals.
- B. Whenever any vehicle has stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any other vehicle approaching from the rear to overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.
- C. Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any other point than within a marked crosswalk or an unmarked crosswalk at the end of a block shall yield the right of way to vehicles upon the roadway; provided, that this provision shall not relieve the driver of any vehicle from the duty to exercise due care for the safety of pedestrians.
- D. A pedestrian crossing or starting across any crosswalk on a green or "go" signal shall have the right of way over all vehicles, including those making turns, until such pedestrian has reached the opposite curb, and it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to fail to yield the right of way to any such pedestrian. (1984 Code § 23

Pedestrians Crossings: 7-5-2: PEDESTRIAN DUTIES:

- A. At intersections where traffic is controlled by traffic control signals or by police officers, pedestrians shall not cross a roadway against a red or "stop" signal and shall not cross at any place except within the marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- B. Pedestrians shall move, whenever practicable, upon the right half of **crosswalks**.
- C. At all **crosswalks**, pedestrians shall move with reasonable dispatch.

D. No pedestrian shall go from one side of the street to the other, except at a right angle and at a regular crosswalk at the end of a block upon any street in the business section or on a through street. (1984 Code § 23-87)

No Parking Zones: City code 7-4-2 states
No operator of any vehicle shall stop, stand, or park such vehicle in any of the following places, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control signal:

- A. Within an intersection
- B. On a crosswalk
- C. Outside the first line of cars parked next to the curb lines
- D. Within twenty five feet (25') of the intersection of curb lines
- E. Within fifteen feet (15') of the driveway entrance to a fire station
- F. Within fifteen feet (15') of a fire hydrant
- G. In front o a private driveway
- H. On a sidewalk
- I. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic
- J. In any area so designated as a no parking area by signs placed at the direction of the traffic commission, and said areas shall be deemed to be a restricted parking zone in accordance with any limitations so displayed on the sign.

By following these simple laws we can keep our school zones much safer for students and pedestrians.

“Stay Safe”

-Major Leon Baier
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