



A Guide to Pedestrian Safety

PEDESTRIAN'S RIGHT OF WAY IN CROSSWALKS

When traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need be, to yield to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk on the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling. However, any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overpass has been provided shall yield the right of way to all vehicles.

No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impractical for the driver to yield.

Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked or 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 pass such stopped vehicle.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Walking is an excellent exercise. Many people walk to school, work, and shopping BUT if you plan to walk on or near roads, you need to take extra precaution. In the U.S., a pedestrian is injured in a traffic accident about every 7 minutes. One pedestrian is killed every 108 minutes. To cross an intersection at a marked crosswalk, pedestrians need to use common sense and follow basic traffic safety rules.

Pedestrians should:

- Stop, look left-right-left, and listen for any sounds of danger. Wait for the **WALK** signal.
- When the **WALK** signal comes on, place only one foot into the crosswalk. Make eye contact with drivers and wait for cars to stop. Do not begin to cross when the flashing red hand is displayed but you may finish crossing if it comes on while you are in the crosswalk.
- Cross and keep looking for moving cars.
- Look carefully before stepping past a stopped vehicle. Crosswalks and traffic signals don't stop cars! The **WALK** signal does not mean it is your turn to cross.
- Watch for cars that don't stop. Not all drivers obey traffic signals.
- Watch for turning vehicles, especially vehicles turning right on red. Keep watching as you cross. Thank drivers with a wave and a smile.

But walking can also be dangerous!

SAFETY TIPS FOR WALKERS:

- Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk and you have to walk in the road, always walk **FACING** traffic, so you can see any car that might go out of control.
- Dress to be seen. Bright colored clothing makes it easier for drivers to see you during the daytime. At night, you need to wear special reflective material on your shoes, cap or jacket to reflect the headlights of cars coming toward you.
- If a car is parked where you are crossing, make sure there is no driver in the car. Then go to the edge of the car and look left-right-left until no cars are coming. Keep looking for cars while you are crossing, and remember, walk. Don't run.

MOTORISTS.

Protect pedestrians at crosswalks.

- Come to a complete stop before a crosswalk.
- Wait until pedestrians have completely crossed the road before proceeding.
- Be alert for children using crosswalks. They often dart into traffic.
- Never pass stopped or slowing vehicles at crosswalks. Exert care on multi-lane roads.

When drivers and pedestrians keep safety in mind, crosswalks can be safe. Pedestrians should pay attention to traffic. Drivers should be aware of pedestrians. Both should be ready to yield the right of way if necessary.

How to Contact the Corning Police Department

Mailing Address:

Corning Police Department
500 Civic Center Plaza
Corning, New York 14830

Web site: www.cityofcorningny.gov

Emergency calls dial:

911

Non Emergency calls dial:

(607) 962-0340 Ext. 1500