

*The Milwaukee Police Department and City Officials have received numerous complaints from citizens regarding vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians.*

*The information contained in this flyer is intended to clarify the laws regarding pedestrian and motorist responsibilities. Failure to comply with these laws may result in the issuance of traffic citations.*

*Failing To Stop For Pedestrians Can Cost Up To \$225 In Fines.*

**For More  
Information On  
Pedestrian Safety,  
Please Contact The  
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Safety Division  
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Did You Know  
**Pedestrians  
& Motorists**  
Have Rights and Responsibilities  
At Intersections?

## **Rights & Responsibilities at Intersections without Traffic Signals**

### ***Driver Responsibilities***

When a pedestrian is crossing a street at a marked or unmarked crosswalk, and there is no traffic signal:

- A Driver must yield the right-of-way to the pedestrian crossing within the marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- It does not matter if the driver has a stop sign at the intersection or if there is no stop sign, you must yield the right of way to the pedestrian.
- When turning, you must yield to both pedestrians crossing the street you are on and those crossing the street you are turning onto.
- Yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian" means the operator of a vehicle is required to reduce speed, or stop if necessary to avoid endangering, colliding with or interfering in any way with pedestrian travel.

### ***Pedestrian Responsibilities:***

- To not suddenly enter the street if a vehicle is so close that it is difficult for the driver to yield to the pedestrian.
- Note that this rule has less to do with the speed at which a pedestrian enters the street and more to do with the distance between the pedestrian and the approaching vehicle.
- Is the vehicle far enough away from the crosswalk, given the speed limit and roadway conditions, for the driver to be able to yield the right of way to the pedestrian?

## **Rights & Responsibilities at Intersections with Traffic Signals**

### ***Driver Responsibilities***

Drivers turning across a crosswalk on a green signal, or making a right turn on red, must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians in the crosswalk before turning.

### ***Pedestrian Responsibilities***

If there are pedestrian signals, you must abide by those signals.

- A pedestrian can begin to cross the street only when the **WALK** signal is lit.
- **The flashing “DON’T WALK”** means don’t start crossing, but if you are in the roadway, keep crossing to the other side.
- The **steady “DON’T WALK”** means don’t start—wait for the next signal.

Keep in mind when there is a button to push for the pedestrian signal, you have to push the button or else the WALK signal will not come on.

- If there is no push button, the walk signal should come on every time there is green signal.

### ***If there are no pedestrian signals,***

- You may start to cross the road in any marked or unmarked crosswalk when the signal is green.

Pedestrians facing a red signal when there are not also pedestrian signals can cross the street if they can do so safely and without interfering with any traffic on the street.