

Who Has The Right-Of-Way?

The City of Glendale Transportation Department is dedicated to improving traffic safety for both motorists and pedestrians. This brochure provides some helpful tips regarding the use of crosswalks and who has the right-of-way.

Pedestrians have the right-of-way in both marked and unmarked crosswalks.

Drivers have the right-of-way when pedestrians are crossing at mid-block locations.

Crosswalks Don't Stop Cars —Share The Street Safely!

Pedestrians are encouraged to:

- Use the sidewalks when walking or jogging. If there aren't any sidewalks, be sure to face oncoming traffic.
- Cross the street one half at a time when there are medians.
- Look in all directions before crossing the street.
- If you can, cross the street at a time of day when there is less traffic.

- Cross only when you see a long break in traffic in order to give yourself enough time to make it all the way across the street.
- Be especially careful at night.

Drivers are encouraged to:

- Look for pedestrians when turning.
- Leave room for pedestrians in the crosswalk by stopping at the line.
- Drive defensively and be prepared to stop for pedestrians who may unexpectedly step into the street.
- Think! Look ahead. Cars stopped in front of you may be a clue that pedestrians are trying to cross the street.
- Be patient when children or elderly people are crossing the street. It sometimes takes them longer and they may have difficulty in picking a safe gap in traffic.

Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Crosswalks

What is a legal crosswalk?

They are part of the intersection used by pedestrians that connects sidewalk paths on both sides of the street. Crosswalks

may be marked or unmarked. Do pedestrians always have the right-of-way when they enter the crosswalk?

If approaching vehicles are too close to stop safely, pedestrians do not have the right-of-way. It is important for pedestrians to accurately assess vehicle speed and location before entering the crosswalk.

What pedestrian accident is most common?

A stopped vehicle blocking the view of a pedestrian in a crosswalk may lead to an accident. If you are driving, watch the brake lights in front of you.

Why do children and the elderly experience more difficulties crossing the street?

They have a harder time judging speed and distance of approaching vehicles. Older persons sometimes have slower reaction times or physical limitations such as diminished vision and hearing.

Let Us Help!

If you have a concern about traffic in your neighborhood, please call the City of Glendale's Transportation Department

Glendale Facts

Approximately 2% of the 4,500 traffic accidents that occur each year involve pedestrians.

In Glendale, about half of the pedestrian accidents occur at traffic signals even though only a small portion of the city's intersections have signals.

More child pedestrian accidents happen in residential neighborhoods than in school crosswalks.

Do Pedestrians Always Have The Right-Of-Way?

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