

Virginia State Code:

§ 46.2-924. Drivers to stop for pedestrians; installation of certain signs; penalty.

A. The driver of any vehicle on a highway shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian crossing such highway:

1. At any clearly marked crosswalk, whether at mid-block or at the end of any block;
2. At any regular pedestrian crossing included in the prolongation of the lateral boundary lines of the adjacent sidewalk at the end of a block;
3. At any intersection when the driver is approaching on a highway or street where the legal maximum speed does not exceed 35 miles per hour.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, at intersections or crosswalks where the movement of traffic is being regulated by law-enforcement officers or traffic control devices, the driver shall yield according to the direction of the law-enforcement officer or device.

No pedestrian shall enter or cross an intersection in disregard of approaching traffic.

The drivers of vehicles entering, crossing, or turning at intersections shall change their course, slow down, or stop if necessary to permit pedestrians to cross such intersections safely and expeditiously.

Pedestrians crossing highways at intersections shall at all times have the right-of-way over vehicles making turns into the highways being crossed by the pedestrians.

C. The governing body of Arlington County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County and any town therein, the City of Alexandria, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church may by ordinance provide for the installation and maintenance of highway signs at marked crosswalks specifically requiring operators of motor vehicles, at the locations where such signs are installed, to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing or attempting to cross the highway. Any operator of a motor vehicle who fails at such locations to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians as required by such signs shall be guilty of a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of no less than \$100 or more than \$500. The Department of Transportation shall develop criteria for the design, location, and installation of such signs. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any limited access highway.

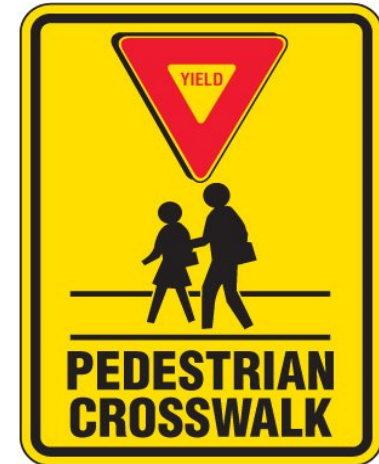
D. Where a shared-use path crosses a highway at a clearly marked crosswalk and there are no traffic control signals at such crossing, the local governing body may by ordinance require pedestrians, cyclists, and any other users of such shared-used path to come to a complete stop prior to entering such crosswalk. Such local ordinance may provide for a fine not to exceed \$100 for violations. Any locality adopting such an ordinance shall install and maintain stop signs, consistent with standards adopted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board and to the extent necessary in coordination with the Department of Transportation. At such crosswalks, no user of such shared-use path shall enter the crosswalk in disregard of approaching traffic.



What are crosswalks?

A crosswalk is a designated point on a road in which some means are employed to assist pedestrians wishing to cross.

Marked crosswalks are installed to clearly define a path for pedestrians to cross the street. Crosswalks often have signs or traffic signals supporting them.



Town of Purcellville

Pedestrian Safety



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Pedestrian Safety

- Pedestrians have the legal right of way when they are in a marked crosswalk.
- You should always remember to be cautious and make eye contact with the drivers
- If you are not sure you have been seen by the motorist, wait for them to pass and the opportunity is safe to cross the street. Never step in front of a moving vehicle.
- Always look left, center and to the right before crossing.

Driver Safety

- Yield to pedestrians
 - Do not drive through the crosswalk until the pedestrian has made it to the other side of the road.
 - Do no text and drive
 - Never pass a car stopped at a crosswalk.
 - When approaching a crosswalk, reduce your speed and be prepared to stop.
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Bicyclists Safety

- Bicyclists and other users of shared use paths crossing highways at clearly marked crosswalks must come to a complete stop at stop signs prior to entering such crosswalk.
- On shared use paths crossing highways in marked crosswalks without stop signs or other traffic control signals bicyclists are not required to come to a full stop but must not enter the road in disregard of approaching traffic.
- When in a crosswalk, bicyclists have the rights and responsibilities of a pedestrian.
- Yield to pedestrians.
- Always look left, center and to the right.



Practice Safety at Crosswalks

- Cross at intersections
- Wait for a gap in traffic
- Obey traffic signals
- Look both ways before crossing
- Watch for turning vehicles
- Make eye contact with the driver of an approaching vehicle before crossing.
- Never assume the vehicle can see you
- Wear reflective clothing or bright colors at night
- Do not use your cell phone in the crosswalk
- Do not weave in and out of cars
- Do not step into traffic from behind a vehicle or an obstructed view.