

Pedestrian Laws

This is a summary of Florida's traffic laws that pertain to pedestrian travel. For the actual wording, the state traffic code should be consulted by clicking [here](#) (clicking on this link will start another instance of the web browser). Although drivers are required to exercise care in avoiding pedestrians (see next page), pedestrians are also subject to traffic laws.

Traffic law highlights - for pedestrians

Pedestrian regulations (Section 316.130, F.S.)

Pedestrians must obey any official traffic control device - sign, signal or pavement striping - specifically applicable to the pedestrian unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

Where a sidewalk is available, a pedestrian is not allowed to walk upon the roadway.

Where sidewalks are not provided, pedestrians shall walk on the shoulder on the left side of the roadway facing traffic.

Crossing the roadway (Sections 316.075, 316.130, F.S.)

Pedestrians are subject to traffic signals at intersections.

A pedestrian may not leave the curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

Pedestrians crossing the roadway at any point other than within a marked or unmarked crosswalk must yield the right-of-way to the vehicles upon the roadway.

Pedestrians crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

Pedestrians are required to keep to the right half of crosswalks.

Except within a marked crosswalk, pedestrians must cross the roadway at a right angle or by the shortest route.

No pedestrian shall cross a roadway intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic control devices. When authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic control devices pertaining to such crossing movements.

A pedestrian may not cross between two adjacent signalized intersections, except in a marked crosswalk.

Standing in the roadway (Section 316.130, F.S.)

No person shall stand in the portion of a roadway paved for vehicular traffic for the purpose of soliciting a ride, employment, or business from the occupant of any vehicle.

No person shall stand on or in proximity to a street or highway for the purpose of soliciting the watching or guarding of any vehicle while parked or about to be parked on a street or highway.

Other restrictions (Section 316.130, F.S.)

No pedestrian may jump or dive from a publicly owned bridge

No pedestrian shall enter or remain upon any bridge or bridge approach, beyond the bridge signal, gate, or barrier after a bridge operation signal indication has been given.

No pedestrian shall pass through, around, over, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing or bridge while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

No pedestrian shall walk upon a limited access facility (freeway or interstate highway) or a ramp connecting a limited access facility to any other street or highway.