

CROSSWALKS ARE THE MOST COMMON PLACE TO CROSS THE ROAD...

“State Law, Yield to Pedestrians within Crosswalk”

This applies for all crosswalks, either marked, unmarked, at intersections or mid-block. Vehicles **MUST** yield to pedestrians within a crosswalk. They must yield when the pedestrian is:



- on the half of the roadway in which the vehicle is traveling; or
- approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.

For their part, pedestrians “*may not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and proceed into a crosswalk in the path of a vehicle so close that it is impossible for the vehicle operator to yield.*”

CROSSWALKS ARE NOT NECESSARILY MARKED. UNMARKED CROSSWALKS CAN EXIST AT INTERSECTIONS...



At the above intersection no crosswalk is marked. However, ‘unmarked crosswalks’ still exist (as highlighted in the arrows) up to the line of the Right-of-Way.

Project Intention

The Pedestrian Advisory Council created this information leaflet on Pedestrian Crossing Rules & Regulations with input and advice from APD & ATD, but is not officially adopted or endorsed by City Council or any City Departments. Its intention is to raise awareness and understanding of traffic rules and laws as they apply in Austin, for every driver, pedestrian, cyclist.

Pedestrians:

- Pedestrians are the most vulnerable of all road users.
- Pedestrians include people traveling by foot, wheelchair, or similar means.
- Pedestrians include those walking from their car, for work, or for recreation.
- Pedestrians include people of all ages (from under 8 years old to over 80 years) and all abilities.

The scope of this project is to focus on pedestrians traveling on foot, rather than drivers of broken down vehicles or those placed in prohibited areas due to a crash or other incident.

This document is not intended to be an exhaustive capture of policy, law, and regulations. Other sources are recommended for further reading including Americawalks.org

PAC Motivation

In order to achieve effective solutions in our continuing traffic safety efforts we need to tackle education and interpretation so all users have a good understanding of rules and regulations.

Pedestrian & Driver Rules & Regulations

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POSSIBLE CROSSING PLACES...

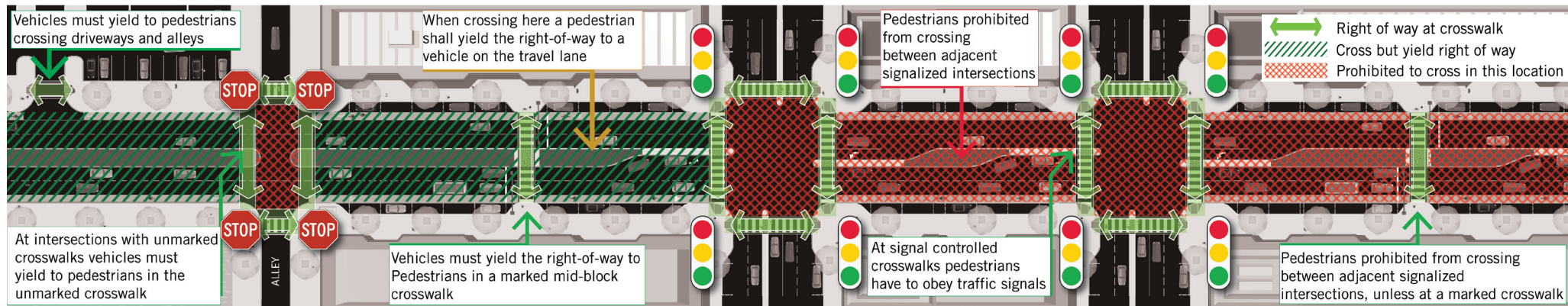
- In most cases pedestrians are allowed to cross the road other than at a crosswalk, providing they:
 - are not between adjacent signalized (i.e. traffic lights) intersections,
 - are not on an access controlled road,
 - are not specifically prohibited by signage, and
 - yield the right of way to vehicles.

USE THE SIDEWALK (WHERE ACCESSIBLE)

- A pedestrian may not walk along and on a roadway if an adjacent sidewalk is provided and is accessible to the pedestrian.

Sec. 552.006. USE OF SIDEWALK. (a)

- If a sidewalk is not provided, a pedestrian walking along and on a highway should, if possible, walk on the left side of the roadway (even if this is a bike lane)



CROSSING SOME ROADS IN AUSTIN IS PROHIBITED FOR SAFETY...

A pedestrian may not cross the following Austin roadways except on an overpass or underpass that crosses the roadway:

- IH-35; and Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway);
- U.S. Highway 290 (East) from IH-35 to the east city limits; and,
- U.S. Highway 183 (Ed Bluestein Boulevard) from U.S. Highway 290 (East) to Farm Road 969 (Webberville Road).

This ordinance does not include several controlled access roadways which have been constructed in Austin since the time of its writing. **It is unsafe to attempt to cross any controlled access roadway "freeway".**

§ 12-1-26 PEDESTRIANS ON CERTAIN ROADWAYS

PEDESTRIAN RIGHT-OF-WAY WITH A WALK SIGNAL...

A pedestrian with a "Walk" signal may proceed across a roadway... vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to the pedestrian, for as long as it takes them to complete their crossing. **When crossing, it is common sense to pay full attention (avoid distractions) and look both ways for approaching traffic.**



EMERGING FROM AN ALLEY, DRIVEWAY, OR BUILDING.

- Stop the vehicle before moving on a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across an alley or driveway; and,
- Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians to avoid collision

Sec. 545.256.

DRIVER TIPS:

"The operator of a vehicle approaching from the rear of a vehicle that is stopped at a crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross a roadway may not pass the stopped vehicle."

TTC, 552.003(c)