

Pedestrians:

Make crosswalks work for you!

Follow these rules

1. Wait for the walk signal.
2. At crosswalks without traffic signals, place only one foot off the curb in the street.
3. Wait for the cars to stop.
4. **NEVER, NEVER STEP IN FRONT OF A MOVING VEHICLE!**
5. Keep looking for oncoming vehicles as you cross each lane
6. Keep looking from side to side and over your shoulder for turning vehicles as you cross.
7. Thank drivers with a friendly wave.

Crosswalk markings and traffic lights don't stop cars. Make sure you ALWAYS KEEP LOOKING!

After dark, drivers cannot see pedestrians in dark clothing until it is too late. Even if their head lights blind you, they still cannot see you. Wear retro-reflective materials or carry a lit flash light to make yourself more visible.

The Crosswalk Safety Program is a joint initiative of the Gainesville Police Department, the University of Florida Police Department and the Alachua Sheriff's Office.



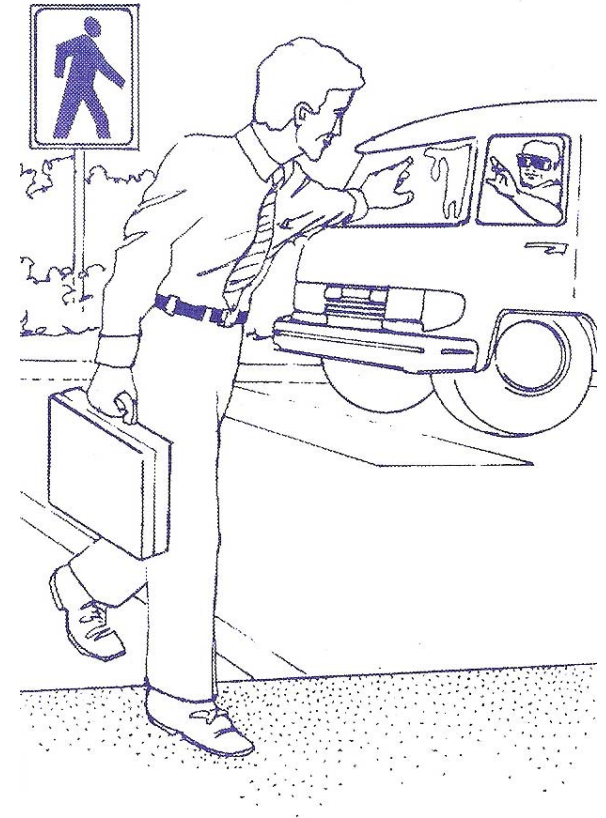
The program is endorsed by the following organizations:

- School Board of Alachua County
- University of Florida
- University of Florida Student Government
- State Attorney's Office
- Safe Kids North Central Florida
- Florida Technology Transfer Center
- Florida Department of Transportation District 2
- Alachua Traffic Safety Team



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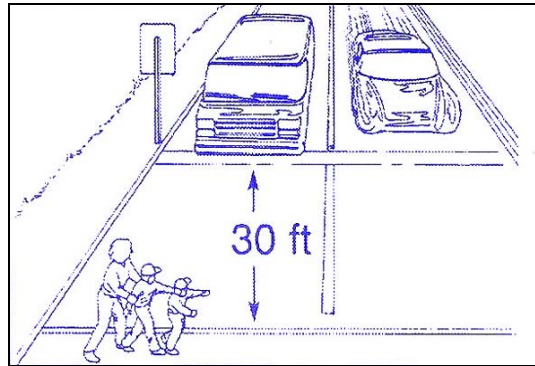
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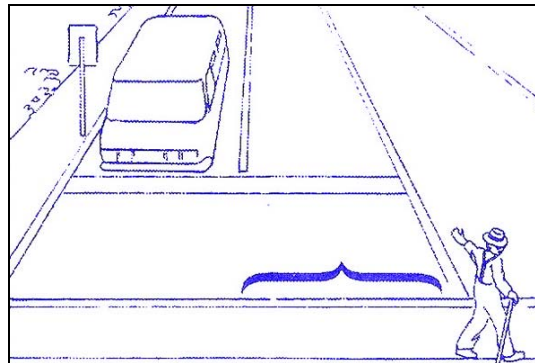
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- Turning vehicles must yield to pedestrians crossing on a green light or with the WALK signal.

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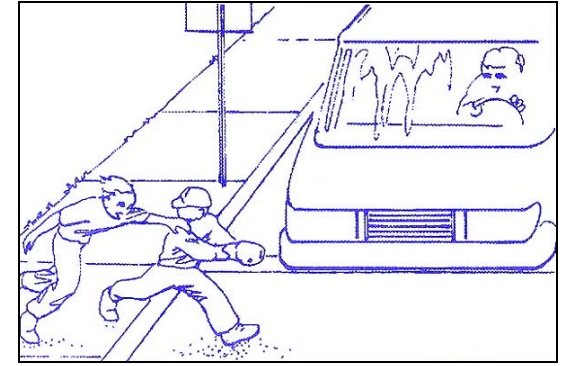
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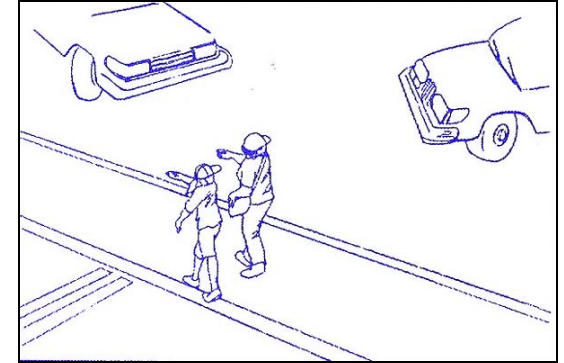
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- 4** Use special care when turning at intersections. Pedestrians are more vulnerable to turning vehicles and must look over their shoulder to see them.



You have just failed to yield to a pedestrian at a crosswalk in Gainesville.

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- Each year more than 8,000 pedestrians are injured and more than 500 are killed.
- The cost to the State is estimated at approximately \$300,000,000 annually.

In Gainesville, crashes involving pedestrians for 2007 and 2008 totaled 278; more than 2 per week.

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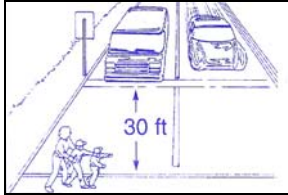
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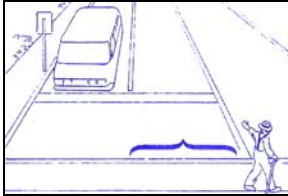
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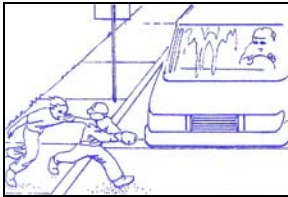
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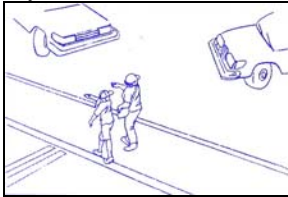
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