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Incident: Distracted Driving and Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Details

Date: May 3, 2019

Location: Dunwoody, GA

The Dunwoody Police Department is pleased to announce the results of both a distracted driving and pedestrian traffic safety enforcement detail the week of April 29th.

In an ongoing effort to make our roadways safer for those who live, work, and play in Dunwoody, the Dunwoody Police Department frequently conducts traffic enforcement details aimed at changing driver behaviors and holding drivers who refuse to abide by the rules of the road accountable.

The week of April 29th, 2019, the Dunwoody Police Department conducted traffic safety details focused on addressing both distracted driving and drivers refusing to yield for pedestrians in crosswalks.

In total, 32 citations were written and two arrests were made for hands-free violations, seatbelt violations, and drivers failing to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. In the first arrest, the violator was found to be unlicensed and was taken into custody. In the second, the violator was found to be in possession of the illegal drug LSD.

Many experts agree that distracted driving is the leading cause of traffic fatalities nationwide, and even with hands-free laws in place, we still see drivers violating the law on a regular basis. There is undoubtedly a correlation between distracted driving and pedestrian crashes, and we hope these enforcement details will continue to increase driver safety and prevent tragedies on our roadways.

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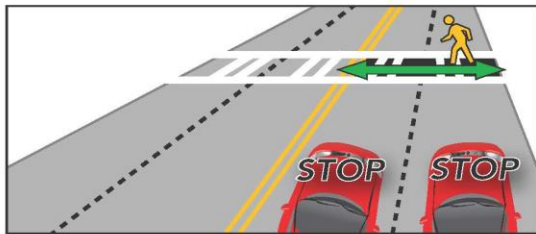


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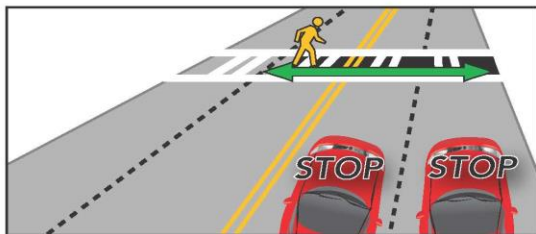
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WHAT GEORGIA DRIVERS MUST KNOW ABOUT PEDESTRIANS

PEDESTRIAN + CROSSWALK = STOP, even if the pedestrian is not in your lane.

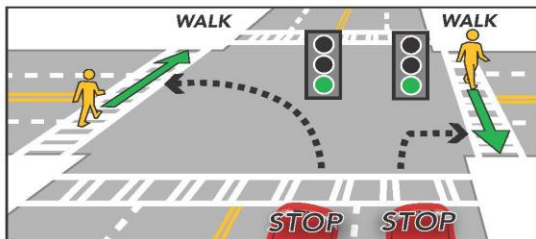


STOP for a pedestrian in a crosswalk when the pedestrian is anywhere on your side of the road. **Side of the road** means all lanes of traffic going in one direction.



STOP for a pedestrian in a crosswalk when the pedestrian is approaching and in the lane next to your side of the road.

TURNING DRIVERS STOP, EVEN ON GREEN



Before turning right or left on a green light, **STOP for pedestrians**. They have the right of way.

NEVER PASS A CAR STOPPED AT A CROSSWALK

A pedestrian may be crossing and hidden from your view. When stopping for a pedestrian, stop far behind the crosswalk so that other drivers can see the person crossing.



COMMON DRIVER VIOLATIONS

FAILING TO STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS



Georgia law requires you to stop for a pedestrian in the crosswalk, even when the pedestrian isn't in your lane.

TURNING BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF PEDESTRIANS IN A CROSSWALK



You must stay stopped until the pedestrian has finished crossing the side of the road onto which you're turning. Don't bully pedestrians with your vehicle. They have the right of way. Never turn into a crosswalk when pedestrians are still using it.

BLOCKING THE CROSSWALK



Always stop behind the crosswalk, not in it. Blocking the crosswalk with your vehicle forces pedestrians into moving traffic.

(Georgia Codes referenced: §40-6-91(a) and §40-6-21(a))



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