



MICHIGAN PEDESTRIAN LAWS: GUIDE FOR THE PUBLIC

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A "pedestrian" is anyone on foot. Also considered pedestrians are people on skis, skates, or rollerblades; in a wheelchair; riding a horse; or using a horse and buggy.

PEDESTRIANS



Violating any of the laws listed below could result in a ticket.

Pedestrians should always be sure to cross safely and not impede traffic.

- ◆ Freeways in Michigan are not for pedestrian use.
- ◆ If crossing signals are available, cross only on a "Walk" symbol.
 - » *If the "Don't Walk" symbol appears while you have partially completed crossing, you should continue to cross and proceed to a sidewalk or safety island.*
- ◆ If a sidewalk is available, use it.
- ◆ If a sidewalk is not available and there is no choice but to travel on a road, walk or roll facing traffic and stay as far to the left as possible.
- ◆ The normal flow of traffic should be maintained without pedestrians blocking, obstructing, or barricading a public street.
 - » *This does not apply to public utility work.*

MOTORISTS



Violating any of the laws listed below could result in a ticket.

- ◆ Yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians in crosswalks.
 - » *Drivers are required to yield the right-of-way in all instances to avoid a crash.*
 - » *Blind pedestrians are not required to carry a cane or use a guide dog or other guiding aid.*

Motorists should be extra cautious when any pedestrian is present. They are one of the most unprotected roadway users.

- ◆ Stop before a crosswalk or an intersection.
- ◆ Obey the speed limit, and travel at a speed that is safe for road conditions and stopping distances.
- ◆ Adjust your speed when pedestrians are present.
- ◆ Obey traffic signals, signs, and markings.

MOTORISTS continued



- ◆ Report to law enforcement any crash that injures or kills any person or damages property of \$1,000 or more.

Violating the law listed below could result in a ticket OR AN ARREST.

- ◆ Use precautions to keep a person using a wheelchair or other mobility device safe at a crosswalk or any other pedestrian crossing.

GENERAL "RULES OF THE ROAD"



- ◆ Give law enforcement only authentic and accurate identifying information.
 - » *While it is not a requirement to have a driver's license as a pedestrian, a law enforcement officer may stop and detain for purposes of identification any person when there is a reasonable suspicion that a crime or violation has been committed.*
- ◆ A police officer who witnesses a violation may make a traffic stop and issue a ticket to anyone observed breaking the laws listed to the right.

REFERENCES FOR LAWS

DEFINITIONS

Pedestrian MCL 257.39

Highway or Street MCL 257.20

PEDESTRIANS

Limited Access Highways MCL 257.679a

Don't Walk (Steady Burning or Flashing) Interval MCL 257.613(2)(b)

Unsignalized Pedestrian Crossing MCL 257.613(1)

Sidewalk Use and Walking Left Facing Traffic MCL 257.655

Blind Pedestrian MCL 752.52(2)

Impeding Traffic MCL 257.676(1)

MOTORISTS

Yield to Pedestrians MCL 257.612

Stop Before a Crosswalk MCL 257.612(1)(c)(i)

Violation of the Basic Speed Law (VBSL) MCL 257.627(1)

Improper Turn MCL 257.647

Blind Pedestrians at Crossings MCL 752.52

Reporting a Crash MCL 257.622

Handicapped Pedestrians at Crossings MCL 257.612(4)

GENERAL RULES

Identification When Stopped MCL 257.324(1)(h)

Authority to Stop, Detain, and Issue Civil Infractions MCL 257.742(1)

Uniform Traffic Code MCL 257.951

