Who Has the Right of Way—Motorists or Pedestrians?

Pedestrians have the legal right-of-way when they are in a marked crosswalk.

Tips for Motorists

☐ Be watchful for people walking and bicycling; obey all speed limits; avoid distractions; and know the laws pertaining to pedestrian right-of-way.

☐ Be prepared to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks (marked or unmarked).

☐ Never pass a vehicle that is stopped for a pedestrian.

☐ Before making a turn, be sure the path is clear of any pedestrians.

☐ Slow down in areas where you are likely to find people walking, such as near bus stops, schools, playgrounds or intersections.

Need Police Assistance for Any Reason? Call Us.

Emergency 9-1-1

Call 9-1-1 for any life-threatening emergency or crime in progress.

Non-Emergency (707) 463-6262

Online Crime Report: ukiahpolice.com

Business Office (707) 463-6241

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Vision

Police and citizens working together to create a safe community in which to live, work, raise a family and visit.

Our Mission

In partnership with the community, the Ukiah Police Department shall use its resources to provide quality public safety services, to enforce the law, to prevent crime, and to protect the safety and security of all.

Our Values

Safety

We value human life and strive to enable our officers and citizens to be safer and our citizens less likely victimized by crime.

Professionalism

We value dedication, highly trained personnel, and commitment to the standards of the law enforcement profession.

Community Service

We value the privilege to provide effective, efficient and equitable service. We respect the members of our community, the importance of a combined crime prevention alliance and the opportunity to provide a united policing effort.
What are Crosswalks?

A crosswalk is a designated point on a road at which some means are employed to assist pedestrians wishing to cross.

- They are designed to keep pedestrians together where they can be seen by motorists, and where they can cross most safely.
- Marked crosswalks are installed to clearly define a path for pedestrians to cross the street. Crosswalks often have signs or traffic signals supporting them and controlling traffic or warning drivers that someone might be crossing.

Pedestrian + Crosswalk = STOP!

Yield to a pedestrian even if the pedestrian is not within your lane.

STOP for a pedestrian in a crosswalk when the pedestrian is anywhere on your side of the road.

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

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 other drivers can see the person crossing.

Traffic Violations to Avoid

- 21453(b) CVC—Fail to yield to pedestrian while making right turn at a red light
- 21950(a) CVC—Fail to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk
- 21951 CVC—Passing vehicle stopped for pedestrian
- 21952 CVC Fail to yield to pedestrian while crossing sidewalk

Fines for Endangering Pedestrians

These fine amounts were selected from the January 1, 2015 Mendocino County Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedule.

- 21453(b) CVC—$276.50
- 21950(a) CVC—$276.50
- 21951 CVC—$606.00
- 21952 CVC—$276.50