

I brake for people.



What's the law?

A crosswalk exists at any public street intersection, whether marked with paint or unmarked. Crosswalks may also exist between intersections (mid-block) only if they are marked with proper signage and white painted lines. The driver must remain stopped until the pedestrian has passed the lane in which the vehicle is stopped.

In 1996 Minnesota made it a little easier to be a pedestrian by passing a law requiring drivers to stop and yield right-of-way to pedestrians in a marked crosswalk or at an intersection where there are no marked crosswalks. The driver must remain stopped until the pedestrian has passed the lane in which the vehicle is stopped.

Violation of this law carries a hefty penalty.

A motorist can be fined \$700 or serve a maximum of 90 days in jail or both.



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whether marked with paint or unmarked, drivers must:

- Stop and remain stopped for pedestrians until they have cleared the lane in which you are traveling or into which you are turning.
- Stop and remain stopped for students as directed by a crossing guard.
- Not overtake or pass a vehicle stopped for a pedestrian.

Do you brake for people?

Driver's Responsibilities:

When turning at a traffic signal, drivers must:

- Stop and remain stopped for pedestrians until they have cleared the lane into which your vehicle is turning.

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Pedestrian's Responsibilities:

- Look in all directions before crossing.
- Before crossing, make sure oncoming vehicles have ample time to stop safely.
- Don't cross against pedestrian signals.
- Don't cross the road at unsafe locations – between intersections or between cars.
- Pedestrians are required to obey traffic laws and walk safely.
- Where sidewalks are provided it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk upon an adjacent roadway.

Safety Tips:

- Make sure motorists can see you. Wear fluorescent colored clothing if walking after dark.
- Know what traffic control signals mean. Do not enter a crosswalk while the "Don't Walk" sign is flashing.
- Walk on the edge of roadway against the flow of traffic if sidewalks are not present.
- If crossing at a corner be aware of cars turning the corner.
- When preparing to cross in front of a vehicle, make eye contact with the driver before proceeding.
- Set an example for children. Practice safe pedestrian and street-crossing habits.



To order your "I brake for people" bumper sticker or for more information on pedestrian safety, contact Bonnie Buck at 952-895-4536 or email bonnie.buck@ci.burnsville.mn.us. "I Brake for People" is part of the Burnsville's Slow Down Traffic Safety Campaign, a coordinated effort to improve safety on city streets.

