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: §40-6-9(a) and §40-6-21(a))

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