

PEDESTRIAN RIGHT OF WAY AT A CROSSWALK

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Pedestrian Right of Way if Control Signal Present

Texas Transportation Code (TTC) §552.002

- (a) A pedestrian control signal displaying “walk,” “Don’t Walk,” or “Wait” applies to pedestrian as provided in this section.
- (b) A pedestrian facing a “Walk” signal may proceed across a roadway in the direction of the signal, and the operator of a vehicle shall stop and yield the right-of-way to the pedestrian.
- (c) A pedestrian may not start to cross a roadway in the direction of a “Don’t Walk” signal or a “Wait” signal. A pedestrian who has partially crossed while the “Walk” signal is displayed shall proceed to a sidewalk or safety island while the “Don’t Walk” signal or “Wait” signal is displayed.

Pedestrian Right of Way at Crosswalk

Texas Transportation Code (TTC) §552.003 (sections (a) & (b))

- (a) The operator of a vehicle shall stop and yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing in a crosswalk if:
 - (1) no traffic control signal is in place or in operation; and
 - (2) the pedestrian is:
 - (A) on the half of the roadway in which the vehicle is traveling; or
 - (B) approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway to be in danger.
- (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a pedestrian may not suddenly leave the curb or other place of safety and proceed into a crosswalk in the path of a vehicle so close that it is impossible for the vehicle operator to stop and yield.

Crosswalk Definition

Texas Transportation Code (TTC) §541.302 (2)

(2) “Crosswalk” means:

- (A) the portion of a roadway, including an intersection, designated as a pedestrian crossing by surface markings, including lines; or
- (B) the portion of a roadway at an intersection that is within the connections of lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway.

Crossing at a Point other than Crosswalk

Texas Transportation Code (TTC) §552.005 (sections (a) & (b))

- (a) A pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to a vehicle on the highway if crossing a roadway at a place:
 - (1) other than in a marked crosswalk or in an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection; or
 - (2) where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided.
- (b) Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, a pedestrian may cross only in a marked crosswalk.
- (c) A pedestrian may cross a roadway intersection diagonally only if and in the manner authorized by a traffic control device.

Who Controls a Crosswalk/Traffic

Texas Transportation Code (TTC) §542.501 - Obedience Required to Police Officers, School Crossing Guards, and Escort Flaggers

A person may not willfully fail or refuse to comply with a lawful order of direction of:

- (1) a police officer;
- (2) a school crossing guard who:
 - (A) Is performing crossing guard duties in a school crosswalk to stop and yield to a pedestrian; or
 - (B) Has been trained under Section 600.004 and is directing traffic in a school crossing zone; or
- (3) an escort flagger who is directing or controlling the flow of traffic in accordance with a permit issued by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles under Subtitle E for the movement of an oversize or overweight vehicle.

Intersection with only three crosswalks
with Pedestrian Control Signal Present



Intersection with four crosswalks
with Pedestrian Control Signal Present and safety islands



Crosswalk within the connections of lateral
Lines of the sidewalk with curbs



COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS