

## **IC 9-21-17**

### **Chapter 17. Pedestrians**

#### **IC 9-21-17-1**

##### **Traffic and pedestrian control signals**

Sec. 1. (a) Pedestrians are subject to traffic and pedestrian control signals under this chapter.

(b) At all places that are not marked with pedestrian control signals, pedestrians are accorded the privileges and subject to the restrictions of this article.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-2**

##### **"Walk" and "don't walk" signals**

Sec. 2. Whenever special pedestrian control signals exhibiting the words "walk" or "don't walk" are in place, the signals must indicate as follows:

(1) Flashing or steady "walk" means a pedestrian facing the signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal and a person who drives a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to the pedestrian.

(2) Steady "don't walk" means a pedestrian may not start to cross the roadway in the direction of the signal. A pedestrian who has partially completed crossing on the "walk" signal shall proceed to a sidewalk or safety island while the "don't walk" signal is showing.

(3) Flashing "don't walk" means a pedestrian may not start to cross the roadway in the direction of the signal. A pedestrian who has already started to cross on the "walk" signal shall proceed to a sidewalk or safety island. If a countdown pedestrian signal indication is also shown, a pedestrian may cross if the pedestrian is able to proceed to the sidewalk or safety island by the time the steady "don't walk" signal is shown, and a person who drives a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to the pedestrian.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.8-2010, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-3**

##### **Duty to obey traffic control device; exception**

Sec. 3. A pedestrian shall obey the instructions of an official traffic control device specifically applicable to the pedestrian, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-4**

##### **Crosswalks; local authorities; designation by ordinance**

Sec. 4. A local authority:

(1) may, by ordinance, prohibit pedestrians from crossing a roadway in a business district or a designated highway except in a crosswalk, which may be established by the ordinance; and

(2) shall mark the crosswalks in a manner conforming to the uniform system of traffic control devices created under IC 9-21-3.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-5**

##### **Walking or running into the path of a vehicle; prohibition**

Sec. 5. A pedestrian may not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-6**

##### **Overtaking and passing a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk; prohibition**

Sec. 6. Whenever a vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, a person who drives another vehicle approaching from the rear may not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-7**

##### **Crossing roadway at point not marked as a crosswalk; yield of right-of-way to traffic**

Sec. 7. A pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-8**

##### **Pedestrian tunnel or overhead crossing; yield of right-of-way to traffic**

Sec. 8. A pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-9**

##### **Marked crosswalks; adjacent intersections; duty to obey**

Sec. 9. Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians may not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-10**

##### **Diagonal crossing at intersections**

Sec. 10. A pedestrian may not cross a roadway intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic control devices. When authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in

accordance with the official traffic control devices pertaining to diagonal crossing movements.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-11**

##### **Crosswalks; movement along right half**

Sec. 11. Pedestrians shall move, whenever practicable, upon the right half of crosswalks.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-12**

##### **Sidewalk available; prohibition on walking along or upon roadway**

Sec. 12. If a sidewalk is provided and the sidewalk's use is practicable, a pedestrian may not walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-13**

##### **Sidewalk unavailable; use of shoulder**

Sec. 13. If a sidewalk is not available, a pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk only on a shoulder, as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-14**

##### **Sidewalk or shoulder unavailable; use of outside edge of roadway**

Sec. 14. If neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, a pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk as near as practicable to an outside edge of the roadway. If the roadway is two-way, the pedestrian shall walk only on the left side of the roadway.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-15**

##### **Yield of right-of-way to all vehicles on roadway**

Sec. 15. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a pedestrian upon a roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-16**

##### **Solicitation of rides; restrictions; emergency**

Sec. 16. A person may not stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from a person who drives a vehicle unless the person soliciting a ride is faced with an emergency on the roadway, in which case the person may secure a ride to obtain assistance.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-17**

##### **Solicitation of employment or business on highway; prohibition**

Sec. 17. A person may not stand on a highway for the purpose of soliciting employment or business from the occupant of a vehicle.  
*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-18**

##### **Soliciting the watching or guarding of a vehicle; prohibition**

Sec. 18. A person may not stand on or in proximity to a street or highway for the purpose of soliciting the watching or guarding of a vehicle that is parked or about to be parked on a street or highway.  
*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-19**

##### **Driving through safety zones and across sidewalks; restrictions; right-of-way**

Sec. 19. (a) A vehicle may not at any time be driven through or within a safety zone.

(b) A person who drives a vehicle crossing a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian and all other traffic on the sidewalk.  
*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-20**

##### **Emergency or police vehicles; use of audible and visual signals; yield of right-of-way**

Sec. 20. (a) Upon the immediate approach of:

- (1) an authorized emergency vehicle making use of an audible signal and visual signals; or
- (2) a police vehicle properly and lawfully making use of an audible signal only;

a pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to the authorized emergency vehicle.

(b) This section does not relieve the person who drives an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway or from the duty to exercise due care to avoid colliding with a pedestrian.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-21**

##### **Blind pedestrians; yield of right-of-way**

Sec. 21. A person who drives a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a blind pedestrian carrying a clearly visible white cane or accompanied by a guide dog.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

#### **IC 9-21-17-22**

##### **Bridges; entering or remaining beyond signal or gate**

Sec. 22. A pedestrian may not enter or remain upon a bridge or an approach to a bridge beyond the bridge signal, gate, or barrier after a bridge operation signal indication has been given.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

**IC 9-21-17-23****Railroad crossings; passing beyond gate or barrier in operation**

Sec. 23. A pedestrian may not pass through, around, over, or under a crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing or bridge while the gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*

**IC 9-21-17-24****Violations; Class C infraction**

Sec. 24. A person who violates this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.*