

The driver of any motor vehicle carrying passenger(s) for hire or of any bus or any vehicle carrying explosives or flammable liquids, shall not cross a railroad crossing(s) without first bringing his/her vehicle to a complete stop, no closer than 5 metres (16 feet), before the crossing and shall not proceed over the crossing(s) until the way is clear and safe.

Passengers in Vehicles

You must not stop a vehicle on the highway or street for the purpose of taking on or letting off passengers other than at the curb or side of the roadway. You must not permit a person to enter a vehicle while it is in motion.

Intersections and Crosswalks

Except when preparing for a turn, do not enter an intersection or a marked crosswalk unless there is enough space in the roadway on the other side of the intersection for your vehicle to completely clear the intersection or marked crosswalk.



4.23 Pedestrians

The Driver's Responsibility

As the driver of a vehicle you are required to yield the right of way to a pedestrian, which includes a person in a wheelchair, within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at the end of a block, except at intersections where the movement of pedestrian traffic is being regulated by a peace officer or traffic control signs.

Whenever a vehicle has stopped at a marked crosswalk or at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway it is an offence for the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear to overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

The Pedestrian's Responsibility

Every pedestrian, which includes a person in a wheelchair, crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked or unmarked crosswalk at the end of a block, is required to yield the right of way to vehicles upon the highway.

At an intersection where traffic is controlled by traffic signals, it is an offence for a pedestrian to disobey the instruction of any traffic signal placed in accordance with the *Motor Vehicle Act* unless otherwise directed by a peace officer.

Walk Light – Pedestrian traffic facing this signal may only proceed in the crosswalk and all other traffic must yield the right of way to the pedestrian traffic.

Don't Walk – Pedestrian traffic facing this signal must not proceed across the intersection.



4.24 Traffic on the Highway

Sharing the Road

When driving, remember that there are many different users of our streets and highways. It is everyone's responsibility to be aware and adjust to the presence and actions of others: passenger car drivers, truck drivers, motorcycle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, school bus drivers and emergency vehicle operators.

The safety of all road users is shared. The more we make ourselves aware of and accept this responsibility the safer we will make our streets and highways.

Walking on the Highway

Where sidewalks are provided a pedestrian shall not walk along or upon an adjacent highway.

When sidewalks are not provided any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway must, when practical, walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.



Wearing
dark clothing



Carrying a
hankerchief



Wearing
medium clothing



Wearing retro-
reflective material

Pedestrian Safety

Pedestrian walking on unlighted highways after dark should carry a light or wear light coloured clothing.

In snow conditions, it is advisable to wear some dark clothing.

Retro-Reflective Material

Retro-reflective material can be seen at several hundred metres away. This material reflects light from a vehicle's headlights back towards the driver.

Thumbing Rides

It is an offence for any person to stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of a private vehicle.

4.25 Horseback Riding

Horseback riders and drivers of horse drawn vehicles are permitted to use streets and roadways unless restricted by signs.

The rider/driver should travel with traffic, as far to the right as possible, obey all signs and signals that apply. Riders should always observe stop signs and use the appropriate hand signals when crossing the road. It is not permitted to ride horseback on the sidewalk, to race the animal or to leave the horse unattended.

Remember, a horse is sometimes unpredictable. Be alert, slow down and give plenty of room until you have safely passed.

4.26 Bicyclists

It is an offence to drive on sidewalks. Bicyclists are subject to the same rules of the road as motor vehicle drivers. A cyclist must drive in the same lane as traffic, as close to the right as possible. Light or reflective clothing should be worn at night. Bicycles should be equipped with a headlight, reflectors and a horn or bell.

It is mandatory to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.