

Stop! Look! Live!

The UGA Police Department would like to welcome all Freshmen & Transfer Students. We know you look forward to a positive experience at the University. Be cautious of the dangers of not following pedestrian safety rules. Use good common sense while walking on campus.

The Stop! Look! Live! Campaign

In an effort to prevent accidents and injuries to pedestrians at The University of Georgia, the Public Safety Division conducts Pedestrian Safety Week each year. Pedestrian Safety Week was implemented in 1997 to remind pedestrian and drivers, in the university community, of their duty toward saving lives. In 1999, the University of Georgia in cooperation with the Athens-Clarke County government, installed two lighted crosswalks on Lumpkin Street that have greatly reduced the number of pedestrian accidents. We continue to develop programs in order to increase pedestrian safety awareness.

In an effort to increase pedestrian safety, the University of Georgia and the Athens-Clarke County Government have installed crosswalks around campus.

To operate these crosswalks:



1. Press the button located on the post on the sidewalk.



2. Give traffic a chance to slowdown and stop.



3. Look both ways before proceeding across the street.



For More Information Contact:

The University of Georgia
Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit
706-542-0104
www.police.uga.edu

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Awareness & Safety Tips for the University Community



University of Georgia Police Department

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 706-542-2200
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Unsafe Practices

Nationwide, there are approximately 11,000 pedestrian fatalities each year. Many of these fatalities are caused by pedestrians committing an unsafe act, such as walking on the wrong side of the road. Sidewalks should always be used when available. If sidewalks are not present, walk away from the side of the road against the flow of traffic.

Jaywalking

Most pedestrians are committing a violation of a traffic law when they are killed by a motor vehicle. Remember jaywalking is against the law.

Who is to blame?

If a pedestrian suddenly leaves the curb and walks into the path of a moving vehicle making it impractical for the driver to stop, and the vehicle strikes the pedestrian, the pedestrian has broken the law, not the driver.

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Georgia Laws

OCGA.40-6-91 Right of way in crosswalk: Pedestrians have the right of way as long as they are in a crosswalk. Remember to give cars ample time to stop.

OCGA.40-6-92 Crossing the roadway other than at crosswalks: Although "jaywalking" often occurs, but is not enforced, "jaywalking" is against the law. When pedestrians attempt to take the right of way from a car, the pedestrian will *lose*.

OCGA.40-6-93 Driver to exercise due care: It is the responsibility of drivers to be cautious and alert, as they may be required to give the right of way to a pedestrian.

OCGA.40-6-95 Pedestrians under the influence of alcohol or drugs: Anytime a pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or drugs is walking in the roadway or on a sidewalk, the pedestrian is breaking the law.

OCGA.40-6-99 Pedestrians to yield to authorized emergency vehicles: Always be aware of vehicles responding to emergencies and yield!