CYCLING TIPS
PINELLAS
WELCOME TO
Pinellas County Volunteer AUXILIARY RANGER

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Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety
Florida drivers, STOP! Florida law requires vehicles yield to pedestrians. All pedestrians should exercise extreme caution at crosswalks and approaching motorists are required to follow these rules:
• Step before the crosswalk when a pedestrian is within or stepping into the crosswalk. Remain stopped until the pedestrian has safely reached the opposite side of the street.
• Motorists must stop for pedestrians attempting to cross at a marked black crossing and at intersections utilizing the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB). At RRFB crosswalks, pedestrians and drivers should follow these simple rules:
  • At the crosswalk, yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian intending to cross the road.
  • Pedestrians should not attempt to cross the road until the RRFB is activated and motorists have come to a complete stop.

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