

About PACE

Pedestrian Advocates of the Coastal Empire is dedicated to making the coastal empire a safe and healthy environment for pedestrians. PACE is part of Safe Kids Savannah.®

The PACE Mission

- Reduce pedestrian injuries and deaths.
- Encourage citizens to engage in walking and other healthy physical activities.
- Promote walking as one solution to environmental issues such as traffic congestion and parking problems.
- Build community partnerships resulting in crime reduction, improved communication and better neighborhoods.
- Advocate pedestrian issues to local, state and national leaders, and provide education and information to communities.

PACE membership is open to anyone who is interested in making the Coastal Empire safer for pedestrians. Representatives from the following agencies and organizations participate in PACE: Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, Chatham Area Transit, Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools, Chatham County Health Department, City of Savannah Traffic Engineering Department, AAA, Savannah Development and Renewal Authority, Housing Authority of Savannah, Historic Savannah Foundation, FedEx Express and the Savannah College of Art and Design.



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SAFE WALKING



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Pedestrians

1. Cross at crosswalks. Keep to the right in the crosswalk.
2. At signalized crosswalks, cross only on proper signal.
3. Before crossing look all ways. Continue looking while crossing.
4. Watch for cars. Be sure that the way is clear before you cross.
5. Make yourself visible to drivers. Use body language, and make eye contact to get their attention.
6. Avoid crossing between parked cars.
7. Where there is no sidewalk and it is necessary to walk in the roadway, walk on the left side, facing traffic.
8. Wear or carry reflective material at night to help drivers see you.



Motorists

1. Stop for pedestrians, IT'S THE LAW!
2. Do not park on or block sidewalks, crosswalks or bike lanes.
3. Yield to other cars AND pedestrians when entering and driving around the squares.
4. When passing a bicyclist, slow down, and allow at least 3 feet of space.
5. Be careful not to turn in front of or into bicyclists.
6. Slow down in residential neighborhoods, school zones and other areas where pedestrians and bicyclists are present.
7. Keep your eyes on the road. Avoid distractions such as cell phones, eating and putting on makeup while driving.



Bicyclists

1. Learn the Rules of the Road. Bicycles are considered vehicles and must obey the same rules as motorists.
2. Protect your head. Always wear a bike helmet.
3. Always ride WITH traffic, never against it.
4. Stop at all traffic signs and signals. Move to the center of the lane when stopped.
5. Use hand signals before you turn or stop.
6. Use a white front light and red back light on your bike, and wear reflective clothing when riding after dark.
7. Do not ride on sidewalks or through squares.
8. Do not ride too close to parked cars. Watch for opening doors.



YOU ARE A PEDESTRIAN, TOO!



Its the Law

According to Georgia law, when a pedestrian displays an intention to cross the street by stepping off the curb, motorists must stop and stay stopped to allow the pedestrian to cross. In 1995, the Georgia legislature amended the law, mandating that motorists approaching crosswalks with pedestrians in them must stop and stay stopped, not just yield to them. Crosswalks exist on all four corners of most intersections in Georgia, whether or not they are marked by painted lines.