

IOWA TRAFFIC CODE UPDATE: CROSSWALKS

A bill passed (HF 2568) and was signed by the Governor Kim Reynolds during the 2024 legislative to update Iowa traffic code related to crosswalks. **The legislation is effective as of July 1st, 2024.**

Prior Law (Section 1. Section 321.1, subsection 51, Code 2024):

Vehicles must yield the right of way to pedestrians.

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New Law (Section 1. Section 321.1, subsection 51, Code 2024):

Vehicles must yield the right of way to pedestrians and persons using a pedestrian conveyance.

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Pedestrian conveyances are defined as any human- powered device by which a pedestrian may move other than by walking or by which a pedestrian may move another person.

What are Pedestrian Conveyances?

Including but not limited to:

Wheelchairs

Skateboards

Strollers

Scooters

Bicycles

Electric personal assistive
mobility devices



Why is this change important?

1. Provides legal protections for those using human powered devices (bicycles, wheelchairs, strollers, scooters, etc.)
2. Reduces traffic violence
3. Enhances road safety for all Iowans

What’s the Change?

Drivers must yield right of way to:

1. **Pedestrians on foot**
2. **Those using any human powered device**



See the “What are Pedestrian Conveyances?” section for specifics

Effective Date

July 1st, 2024

Why?

Improve road safety for all people on the road

Action Steps

1. **Check local road safety ordinances. If your local ordinances are not as protective, realign with the new state law to advocate for improved road safety policies.**
2. **Spread awareness of the new Iowa code.**

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