

This brochure is provided by the Wake Forest Police Department as a means of educating the community it serves in order to make the University campus a safer place.

**Wake Forest Police Department  
1834 Wake Forest Road Winston-Salem, NC 27106**

**For more information or to offer suggestions related to pedestrian safety,**

**please visit our website:**

**[www.wfu.edu/police](http://www.wfu.edu/police) or email [askacop@wfu.edu](mailto:askacop@wfu.edu)**

#### **North Carolina Laws:**

##### **Drivers:**

~NCGS 20-173: "Where traffic control signals are not in place or in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within an unmarked\* crosswalk at or near an intersection..

##### **Pedestrians:**

~NCGS 20-174: "Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within a marked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway."



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## **A Shared Responsibility**

**Wake Forest University  
Police Department**

**Information: 758-5911**

**Emergency: 911 on  
campus 758-5911 off campus**





# Pedestrian Safety



## A Shared Responsibility

**Wake Forest University campus streets are congested with vehicles and pedestrians.**

**Ensure your own safety when traveling around campus, either on foot, by bicycle, or in a vehicle.**



### PEDESTRIANS

- Do not assume a driver sees you.
- Establish eye contact with the driver before entering a crosswalk. Do not assume drivers can or will stop.
- Watch all lanes; although one vehicle has stopped, vehicles may pass in another lane.
- Cross the street within the marked lines of the crosswalk. **BE ALERT!**
- Direct your attention to on coming traffic.
- If you cross the street at a place other than within a designated crosswalk or intersection, the vehicle has the right-of-way. It is your responsibility to yield to the vehicle.
- Watch traffic at all times. Texting, talking on phone, or listening to IPOD can distract you.

### DRIVERS

- Striking a pedestrian in a crosswalk is extremely difficult to defend and can lead to severe liability consequences.
- Be attentive and prepared to stop when traveling through crosswalks.
- Be aware that some pedestrians may “challenge” you to stop since they have the right-of-way in a crosswalk.
- Failure to yield to a pedestrian within a marked crosswalk is a violation of North Carolina law. **BE ALERT!**
- If you are making a turn with a green light, a pedestrian crossing with the same green light has the right-of-way.
- A pedestrian passing through a uncontrolled intersection has the right-of-way if they have entered the roadway, even if there is not a marked crosswalk.