

Pedestrian Safety / White Cane Awareness

Thursday, October 29, 2015

White Street & Dunn Avenue

Daytona Beach

10:15 - 10:30 AM Introductions & Proclamations

11:00 AM -12:00 PM Walking

This is a joint effort between the Mayor's Alliance for Persons with Disabilities of Daytona Beach, Halifax Council of the Blind (HCB), DisAbility Solutions for Independent Living (DSIL) and various consumer groups, service agencies, governmental agencies and other organizations. **Special thanks go to the police department of Daytona Beach for its ongoing initiative in promoting pedestrian safety.**

We will be walking clockwise in the crosswalks and according to the pedestrian walk lights. Tables will be set up near the walk routes, where we will be handing out information on the White Cane Law, the Pedestrian Safety Law and various consumer groups, service and governmental agencies.

We are expecting several elected officials, service providers and media to attend.

Proclamations for White Cane Awareness Day and Pedestrian Safety will be read from the Cities of Daytona Beach, Volusia County and neighboring towns.

Two of our members, who are legally blind, have been hit by vehicles in the past.

We need to heighten the public's awareness of pedestrians, particularly those with visual and physical impairments, and the need for drivers to be constantly vigilant and respectful of the pedestrian's need to cross streets.

Please, Please Join Us!

The larger the group, the more impact we will make.

We need to make the police, our legislators and the public aware of the Rights and Responsibilities of Drivers, Cyclists and Pedestrians, as well as the White Cane Law.

All pedestrians, including people with visual and physical disabilities, have just as much right to cross streets as motorists do to drive on them.

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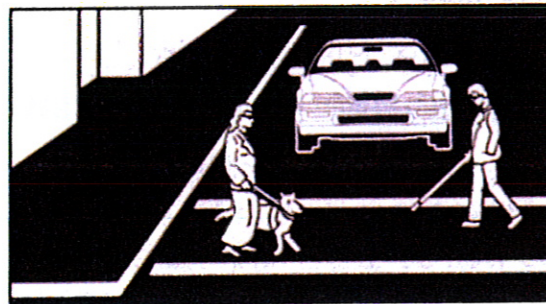
Persons who are Blind

The primary traveling aids for a person who is blind are often a white cane or a trained guide dog. Independent travel involves some risk that can be greatly reduced when you, the driver, are aware of the use and meaning of a white cane or guide dog.

Drivers must always yield the right-of-way to persons who are blind. When a pedestrian is crossing a street or highway guided by a dog or carrying a white cane (or a white cane with a red tip), **vehicles must come to a complete stop.**

Mobility-Impaired Persons

Drivers must yield the right-of-way to mobility-impaired persons and pedestrians utilizing the assistance of a guide dog or service animal. When a pedestrian is crossing a public street or highway and the pedestrian is using a walker, a crutch, or an orthopedic cane or wheelchair, **vehicles must come to a complete stop.**



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Based on the 2009 Florida Statutes TITLE XXIII MOTOR VEHICLES
CHAPTER 316.1301 and 316.1303 STATE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL