



What is the **WHITE CANE LAW?**

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Whenever a pedestrian is crossing, or attempting to cross, a public street or highway, guided by a dog guide or carrying in a raised or extended position a cane or walking stick which is white in color or white tipped with red, the driver of every vehicle approaching the intersection or place where the pedestrian is attempting to cross shall bring his or her vehicle to a full stop before arriving at such intersection or place of crossing and, before proceeding, shall take such precautions as may be necessary to avoid injuring such pedestrian.

See 2015 Florida Statute—316.1301

TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

- A person crossing the street using a guide dog or carrying a raised or extended white cane or walking stick tipped in red always has the right of way.
- Drivers are required to come to a complete stop at the stop bar, or if no stop bar exists, a minimum of five feet prior to the crosswalk or crossing location. Blind persons use audible cues, including the sound of vehicles to determine your presence at the intersection.
- Stopping within a crosswalk is illegal and it puts blind pedestrians at risk.
- When turning right, always assess the crosswalk on the side street to be sure blind pedestrians are not crossing even when you have the green signal.
- Never honk your horn or give blind pedestrians verbal cues.