

Florida's White Cane Law and Law regarding Crossings by Mobility Impaired Pedestrians

(Sections 316.1301 and 316.1303, F.S.)

When a pedestrian is trying to cross a public street or highway, guided by an assistance animal or carrying a white cane or walking stick, an approaching driver is obliged to bring his vehicle to a full stop before arriving at such intersection or place of crossing. Before proceeding, the driver shall take such precautions as may be necessary to avoid injuring such pedestrian.

If a mobility-impaired person (using a service animal, a walker, a crutch, an orthopedic cane, or a wheelchair), is in the process of crossing a roadway at an intersection, a driver approaching the intersection must stop before arriving at the intersection and take reasonable precautions to avoid injuring such a pedestrian.

A person who is convicted of a violation of these subsections is guilty of a moving violation punishable as provided in Chapter 318.