



# Village of Skokie

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### Reminder of Illinois Pedestrian Laws

The Village of Skokie reminds residents that as of July 22, 2010 the Illinois state law changed regarding motorist obligations to pedestrians in crosswalks. The new law states that all drivers must come to a complete stop for pedestrians in crosswalk, regardless of whether or not there are traffic signals or stop signs present at the crosswalk.

Changes in the law require motorists and bicyclists to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks to ensure a safe environment for all using the roadways and sidewalks. Previous law required motorist to yield for pedestrians and stop when necessary.

Under the new law, Illinois drivers must come to a **complete stop** for pedestrians in any crosswalk that is marked, unmarked, signaled and unsignaled.

A **marked** crosswalk has painted lines on the road that designate the location, such as the crosswalk at Oakton Street and Floral Avenue, by Village Hall. An **unmarked** crosswalk is present whenever a sidewalk leads into a street. A **signaled** crosswalk includes those at stop signs and traffic signals. An **unsignaled** crosswalk does not have a stop sign or traffic signal. They are also referred to as mid-block crosswalks.

This law requires bicyclists to stop for pedestrians as they are required to follow all rules of the road.

For more information please contact the Skokie Police Department at 847/982-5924 or visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

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