

VCU Campus Watch

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Pedestrian and vehicle laws

The VCU Police Department strongly urges everyone to use crossing signals, crosswalks and traffic devices. The high volume of pedestrian and vehicular traffic requires that everyone understands and follows the rules.



The Code of Virginia (46.2-923) states "... pedestrians shall not carelessly or maliciously interfere with the orderly passage of vehicles. They shall cross, wherever possible, only at intersections or marked crosswalks." 46.2-926 further prohibits pedestrians stepping into a highway where they cannot be seen. The VCU Police Department cautions all pedestrians to think safety before crossing any street. Avoid stepping out from between parked vehicles where the street is not marked. The Code of Virginia (46.2-924) also states that "the driver of any vehicle on a highway shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian crossing such ... at any clearly marked crosswalk, whether at mid-block or at the end of any block."

Although "no pedestrian shall enter or cross in disregard of approaching traffic," pedestrians crossing highways at intersections shall at all times have the right-of-way over vehicles making turns in the highways being crossed by the pedestrians ..." Any motorist who fails to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at marked and posted crosswalks shall be guilty of a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of \$100 or more.

Pedestrian Safety

Look out for each other- Share the responsibility

Please obey posted speed limits

VCU Police also enforce speed limits on both campuses day and night. Radar is used where there is a high volume of pedestrian or vehicular traffic. We encourage your courtesy, awareness and cooperation as motorists and pedestrians to help ensure the safety of all who work, study and visit VCU's metropolitan campuses. For more information on these laws and the VCU Police Department, please visit our Web site at www.vcu.edu/police/traffic.html.



Security escorts

The VCU Security Escort Service is a great resource for your safety. Call 828-WALK (9255). This service is offered daily from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. on both the Monroe Park Campus and VCU Medical Center Campus. Cross campus escorts are available Monday thru Friday from 2:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m., Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. the following morning. The escort service provides safety and security to all students, faculty and staff who wish to use it. The primary purpose of the escort service is to ensure safety, not convenience. Call 828-WALK (9255) for a security escort.

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