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- ⇒ Not allowing a pedestrian to clear a street before driving through a green light is a \$238 fine.
- ⇒ Passing a standing streetcar or cable car is a \$238 fine.
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DRIVER SAFETY TIPS & REMINDERS

- ⇒ Be watchful at all times. Expect the unexpected. Pedestrians can suddenly appear from between parked cars, especially children and elderly.
- ⇒ Be extra careful in marked school zones. Remember that yellow crosswalks signify an official school crossing. Always expect young children to appear at any time.
- ⇒ Elderly pedestrians walk slowly. Give them extra time. When starting from a green light, look carefully for an elderly pedestrian that may still be crossing and yield until they have reached the sidewalk.
- ⇒ Remember to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks before making a right turn on a red traffic signal.
- ⇒ Remember that a red arrow prohibits all movement, even turning movements.
- ⇒ It is lawful for pedestrians to cross mid-block if traffic signal lights do not control the intersections. Yield to them.
- ⇒ Never pass a standing streetcar/cable car that is boarding or discharging passengers.
- ⇒ Never pass a standing school bus that has its red lights flashing.
- ⇒ Not all crosswalks are designated with painted lines. A pedestrian is considered in a crosswalk at all corners whether or not lines are painted on the street.
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