



# Crime Prevention Newsletter

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## North Carolina Traffic Laws for Bicycles and Pedestrians

Because Trent Woods is a quiet and safe community, many residents and visitors enjoy walking and running on our roadways. Please be safe and courteous to others who are using the roadway. Safety is most important when traveling on our roads whether by foot, bicycle, or automobile. Therefore it is important to understand the North Carolina General Statutes that regulate pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Below, you will find a few of the statutory requirements but more can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

### **Pedestrians:**

#### §20-174.

*(d) Where sidewalks are provided, it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway. Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the extreme left of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction. Such pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to approaching traffic.*

*(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon any roadway, and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary, and shall exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any confused or incapacitated person upon a roadway.*

#### § 20-174.1. Standing, sitting or lying upon highways or streets prohibited.

*(a) No person shall willfully stand, sit, or lie upon the highway or street in such a manner as to impede the regular flow of traffic.*

*(b) Violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. (1965, c. 137; 1969, c. 1012; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 761, s. 17.)*

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### ***Bicyclists:***

*In North Carolina, the bicycle has the legal status of a vehicle. This means that bicyclists have full rights and responsibilities on the roadway and are subject to the regulations governing the operation of a motor vehicle.*

*North Carolina traffic laws require bicyclists to:*

*-Ride on the right in the same direction as other traffic*

*-Obey all traffic signs and signals*

*-Stop Signs - Bicyclists must come to a complete stop and yield the right-of-way at a stop sign before proceeding. [§20-158(b)(1) and (c)(1)]*

*-Bicyclists must yield the right-of-way and avoid colliding with pedestrians who are walking on a roadway, sidewalk, walkway, or in a crosswalk.*

*-Use hand signals to communicate intended movements*

*-Equip their bicycles with a front lamp visible from 300 feet and a rear reflector that is visible from a distance of 200 feet when riding at night.*

*-Wear a bicycle helmet on public roads, public paths and public rights-of-way if the bicyclist is under 16 years old*

*-Secure child passengers in a child seat or bicycle trailer if under 40 pounds or 40 inches*

*-Generally, bicyclists must obey all traffic laws, just as if they were driving a car, and can be ticketed as such, if traffic laws are violated. But abiding by the law goes much farther than avoiding a ticket. It helps keep our community and our children safe, and ensures everyone will have a place in which they can enjoy riding in safety.*