



THE UNIVERSITY OF
ALABAMA
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Traffic Safety

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for a safer community*

Traffic Accident Investigation Information

Date ____ \ ____ \ ____

Case # _____

There is a \$5.00 charge for the Report (Cash or Check only).

PLEASE COME TO THE UA POLICE DEPT:
1110 Jackson Ave, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

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The University of Alabama Police Department Traffic Unit was formed May of 2008 to address traffic safety issues in our campus community. The unit is currently staffed with one Lieutenant and three officers.

Traffic officers patrol campus on motorcycles, responding to traffic related calls. They also monitor and control traffic conditions, assist motorists and enforce traffic laws. The unit's primary duties include traffic enforcement, accident investigation and escorts. The unit also provides support for special functions such as parades, athletic events, and other events requiring traffic control.



Pedestrian Safety

Pedestrians:

- Always cross at marked crosswalks.
- Obey all pedestrian signals.
- Watch approaching vehicles to ensure they are stopping for you.



Drivers:

- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Reduce speed when approaching crosswalks.
- Come to a complete stop when pedestrians are crossing.



Alabama Pedestrian Crosswalk Law

(Section 32-5A-211)

- *When traffic-control signals are not in place or not in operation the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk.*
- *No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.*
- *Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.*

Fines Imposed by

Tuscaloosa Municipal Court

Driving on Wrong Side of Road	\$192
Fail To Yield Right-of-Way	\$182
Improper Lane Use	\$182
Improper or Expired Tag	\$187
Improper Passing	\$182
Improper Turn	\$182
No Proof of Insurance	\$362
Running Red Light / Stop Sign	\$182
Speeding	\$182
Wrong Way on One Way	\$192
Texting While Driving	\$187
Driving Around Barricade	\$192

Accident Avoidance

- **Keep a Safe Following Distance.** By law, you should keep at least 20 feet for each 10 miles per hour of speed between the vehicle that you are driving and the vehicle that you are following.
- **Avoid Multi-tasking while driving.** Cell phone use, eating or engaging in other activities that distract you can lead to an accident.
- **Reduce your speed when approaching intersections.** Be prepared to react.
- **Never attempt** to “beat” the light to make it through an intersection.

Leaving the Scene of an Accident

- **Duty upon striking unattended vehicle.** Any driver who collides with any unattended vehicle shall immediately stop, locate and notify the operator/owner of that vehicle or leave his or her name and contact information in a conspicuous place on the vehicle. Contact your local law enforcement when in doubt.
- **If through investigation** it is found that you left the scene of an accident, you may be issued a traffic citation with a mandatory court date. If injury or death occurs, felony charges may be brought against you.

Attempting to Elude

- **It is unlawful** for a person operating a vehicle to intentionally flee or attempt to elude a law enforcement officer after having received a signal from the officer to bring the vehicle to a stop.
- **Persons who attempt** to elude a law enforcement officer are subject to arrest.
- **This law** also applies to bicyclist.

Bicycles

- **Accidents between pedestrians, bicycles, skateboarders and motor vehicles** are a concern for everyone, especially in our densely populated campus community. These accidents can result in injury to persons involved and cause damage to property. Safety is a shared responsibility by all.
- **Walk bicycles** through crosswalks and obey traffic signals.
- **In Alabama**, bicycles are required to follow all the rules of the road, just like cars.
- **Alabama Law requires all bicyclist** to adhere to the rules of the road when operating on a roadway. This means stopping for traffic signals and stop signs, just as you would if you were in a vehicle.
- **Ride as close as possible** to the right edge of the roadway.
- **When a bicycle lane is available**, a bicyclist must use it.



- **Bicyclist should refrain** from riding on sidewalks.
- **Ride defensively**, take responsibility for your own safety and do not assume that drivers are being attentive to you.

Education / Enforcement

- Educating members of our campus community is a primary concern of UAPD. However, the safety of all of our citizens is our top priority. Therefore, UAPD enforces laws and ordinances for bicyclists as well as vehicles.
- Please be a responsible driver, cyclist and pedestrian for the safety of yourself and others.
- We ask that you take an active role in traffic safety. Please educate yourself and report any traffic safety concerns to UAPD or contact us with any questions you may have.
- We hope that your time on campus is an enjoyable experience in a safe environment. It is the goal of the UAPD Traffic Division to ensure you have a safe environment in relation to your time spent commuting in traffic.

Education

Environment

Enforcement

A comprehensive approach to student health and safety