TO: Officer Kenneth Jones, P#7546

FROM: David Roger, General Counsel

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RE: Pedestrian Statutes

You have asked for guidance regarding the traffic laws applicable to pedestrians. Set forth below are several statutes regulating pedestrian travel on the roadways.

Pedestrian walking into the path of a vehicle:

NRS 484B.283 (1)(b): provides, "A pedestrian shall not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield."

Jaywalking

NRS 484B.287 mandates: "Between adjacent intersections at which official traffic-control devices are in operation pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk."

"Traffic-control signal" means, "[A]ny official traffic-control device, whether manually, electrically or mechanically operated, placed or erected by a public authority or railroad, by which traffic is alternately directed to stop or proceed."

Therefore, a pedestrian must travel at a traffic control signal or in a marked crosswalk when there are adjacent intersections at which there are stop signs, lights or other traffic control signals.

Walking along or upon a highway

NRS 484B.297(1) provides, " Where sidewalks are provided, it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent highway."

When no sidewalks are provided, NRS 484B.297 (2) requires pedestrians to walk on the left side of the highway facing the traffic.

Intoxicated Pedestrians

NRS 484B.297 (4) makes it illegal for, "…any pedestrian who is under the influence of intoxicating liquors or any narcotic or stupefying drug to be within the traveled portion of any highway."

Traffic control devices

NRS 484B.307 requires pedestrians to abide by traffic control devices.

While there are other traffic laws applicable to pedestrians, these statutes are the most common. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.