

## *White Cane Law*



According to Florida Traffic Code (F.S. 316.104), whenever a blind person, carrying a white cane, or led by a guide dog, is crossing a street, driveway, or any other place all traffic must come to a complete stop until the person has safely crossed. Failure to yield the right of way to a blind person is a moving violation, which may result in a fine of \$90 and three points on your driver's license.

## *Equal Access Law*

According to State and Federal Law (F.S. 413.08), the blind and other disabled persons must be provided with full and equal access to any place that the public is invited. This includes buses, planes, taxicabs, restaurants, hospitals, and any other place or service available to the public. Additionally, the blind and disabled are permitted to be accompanied by a service animal in any place the public is invited without having to pay an additional fee for the animal. Furthermore, the blind or disabled are allowed to refuse any accommodation, aid, or service the person wishes to refuse, such as special treatment or alternative services. Violation of this Statute is a second Degree misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500 and/or incarceration up to six months.



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