

SAFETY ON THE LINE

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“A genius is a person who has two ideas.”

Jacob Bronowski

One of the more spirited discussions during KSC's recent Super Safety Day was about employees use of our pedestrian crosswalks. KSC has many crosswalks in place to allow pedestrians to safely cross roads while motorists are in the area. Regardless of the laws, both pedestrians and motorists need to practice safe behavior. If you are a pedestrian, be aware that a motorist might not see you. If you are in the crosswalk, make eye contact with an approaching motorist. If you are a motorist, one should ALWAYS try to provide the right of way to pedestrians in or about to enter a crosswalk. If you are approaching a crosswalk, slow down and assume pedestrians might be near. Here are some guidelines taken from Florida Statue Section 316.130 for both pedestrians and motorists to follow.

Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety at KSC



- “When traffic control signals are not in place or in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.”
- “A pedestrian shall obey the instruction of any traffic control device specifically applicable to the pedestrian unless otherwise directed by a police officer.”
- “Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway.
- “Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian ...and give warning when necessary and exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any obviously confused or incapacitated person.”

BY USING COMMON COURTESY, WE CAN ALL MAKE KSC A SAFER PLACE TO WORK.

Visit <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/citizen/documents/statutes> for a listing of Florida laws.

Light My Fire!

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has recalled 80,000 **Grillmaster** gas grills with side burners. To get a free repair kit or for more information contact Sunbeam at (888)892-8150. Kmart

announced a recall of about 40,000 **Tru-Burn Portable** LP Gas Grills. For more information call Kmart at (800)63KMART. Here are some **Gas Grill Safety Tips**:

- Check tubes for blockage
- Never use a grill indoors
- Check hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks
- When lighting keep the top open--if grill doesn't light in first several attempts, wait 5 minutes to allow gas to dissipate
- Replace scratched/nicked connectors
- Always store LP gas containers upright.



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