

## Vehicle Code

### §3543. Pedestrians crossing at other than crosswalks.

General rule. - Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a crosswalk at an intersection or any marked crosswalk shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

### §3544. Pedestrians walking along or on highway.

Mandatory use of available sidewalk. - Where a sidewalk is provided and its use is practicable, it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.

Absence of sidewalk. - Where a sidewalk is not available, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk only on a shoulder as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway.

Absence of sidewalk and shoulder. - Where neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk as near as practicable to an outside edge of the roadway and, if on a two-way roadway, shall walk only on the left side of the roadway.

Right-of-way to vehicles. - Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, any pedestrian upon a **roadway** shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the **roadway**. This does not apply to crosswalks.

## Vine Street Watch Group News

The Vine Street Watch Group has been created. The purpose of the Watch Group is to inform residents about crime prevention materials and promote neighbors helping neighbors

We need to continue to grow to make the program stronger. By combining more forces we can get this valuable material to others and take a greater stand against crime. Pass the Macungie Crime Watch word to your neighbors.

## How To Get Involved

By email;  
[crimewatch@macungiepd.org](mailto:crimewatch@macungiepd.org)

By phone;  
(610) 966-2222

By web;  
[www.macungiepd.org](http://www.macungiepd.org)

## Macungie Police Crime Watch Event

### Vine Street Area



### Flashlight Walk

## JULY 15, 2009

**The walk will begin at about 6:30PM  
at Vine and Hickory Sts. and will  
cover Hickory, Vine, Hillcrest and  
Fairview Streets.**

**JOIN US AS WE WALK TO  
PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORS**

## Walk Safely and Wisely

During the summer months we see more people walking about our community. Over the last few years the Police Department has not received any calls about incidents involving walkers in the Borough.

**We like it that way and we would like it to remain that way.**

Walking is not only healthy it is also a great way to get out and meet your neighbors, see more of the community and help your police department.

The information in this brochure contains some general safety tips as you walk our neighborhood.

Everybody has their own way of preventing incidents from happening and some of us carry different items with us. But we all share one common goal; to return to our homes safely.

Take some time to prepare for your walk by reading this material. It may provide answers to questions we have not thought of.

## SAFETY WHILE WALKING

- **Know the area you intend to walk.**
- **Wear reflective gear or carry a flashlight if possible**
- **Always try to use a sidewalk**
- **Walk in groups**
- **Watch for any tripping hazards**
- **Watch for suspicious people or activity**
- **Alter your walk times**
- **Take note of areas you can seek help from**
- **NEVER TRAP YOURSELF IN A CORNER.**
- **Always know escape routes**
- **Avoid using 2 earphones**
- **Carry a cell phone**
- **Avoid dark unlit areas**
- **Be alert to your surroundings**
- **Report suspicious activity to police ASAP**
- **Always make sure vehicles acknowledge you before crossing a roadway.**

## Crime Prevention

The Macungie Police Department makes every effort to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors. Unfortunately there are some people who are not deterred by the thought of being arrested and/or being incarcerated in prison.

What would you do if presented with a dangerous situation? Where would you go? How do you react? By planning your escape before it happens can make a difference with how you react to the danger.

It is always best to walk in groups or with a walking partner. One in the group should have a cell phone handy in the event emergency services are needed.

Reflective gear helps you be seen in the evening and will alert oncoming motorists to your presence. Reflective tape can be purchased at local hardware stores and strips can be easily fastened to your clothing or shoes.

Be observant when walking. Know your route but change your route often so you don't get into a routine.

If approached by unknown people keep your distance and maintain you level of observation. Don't let one person distract you allowing a second person to come up behind you.

It is good practice to let your family know where you will be walking and what time to expect you home.