

Public Service Announcement
Township of Wyckoff

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY INCREASES PENALTY
FOR FAILURE TO STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS AT CROSSWALK
FROM \$130 TO \$230**

The State of New Jersey has increased the payable amount for N.J.S.A. 39:4-36, failure to stop for pedestrians at crosswalks. Please note that beginning April 1, 2010 New Jersey law required that drivers must stop and remain stopped for pedestrians crossing the roadway in a marked crosswalk. The previous law only required the driver to yield to pedestrians.

Please note also that because of another recent change in the law, a violation of N.J.S.A. 39:4-36 is only payable if there was no serious bodily injury to a pedestrian. If there was a serious bodily injury to a pedestrian, then a violation of N.J.S.A. 39:4-36 requires a mandatory court appearance and the defendant is subject to a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500, possible imprisonment not to exceed 25 days, or a license suspension not to exceed six months.

Police Chief Fox and the Wyckoff Police Department remind motorists to drive with caution and be aware that speed limits on municipal roads are typically 25 m.p.h. Be a courteous driver and at the same time obey the law – STOP for pedestrians!