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DRIVING ON SIDEWALKS. G.S. 20-160(b).

The motor vehicle law provides that it is unlawful to operate a motor $\hbox{ vehicle}^1 \hbox{ upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area except upon a permanent or temporary } \\ \hbox{ driveway.}$

A violation of this law is negligence within itself.

^{1&}quot;Motor vehicle" is not necessarily synonymous with "vehicle." Compare G.S. 20-4.01(23) with 20-4.01(49).