

HAWK

Pedestrian Beacon



The **High-intensity Activated crossWalk** or **Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon** has been accepted in the 2009 Manual on Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for use nationally.

The HAWK was developed to increase pedestrian safety at crossing locations. The device substantially improves motorist stopping behavior as compared to flashing overhead crossing beacons and other devices.

The HAWK may be considered at locations where a full traffic signal would not be appropriate.

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As a pedestrian, when crossing, remember to

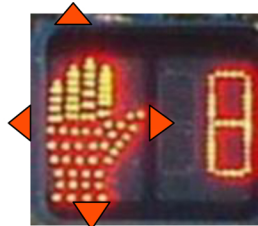
Press the button



Wait for the walk signal to start crossing



Do not enter or start to cross when you see the flashing hand



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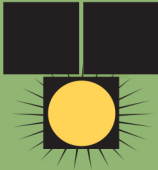




Q: What's it all about?

A: 'HAWK' stands for **H**igh-intensity **A**ctivated cross**W**alk. It's a new type of pedestrian crossing beacon that has proven to increase safety for pedestrians by grabbing the attention of motorists.







Q: How is it different than any other traffic signal?

A: While it looks fairly similar to a traditional signalized pedestrian crossing, the HAWK functions a bit differently. When not in use, it remains dark. The beacon goes through a sequence of five movements after a pedestrian pushes the button.

- The HAWK beacon begins flashing yellow to indicate to drivers someone will be using the crosswalk.
- It then goes to solid yellow like a typical traffic signal, advising drivers to stop if safe to do so.
- The beacon then turns solid red, requiring drivers to stop at the stop line.
- Finally, the beacon goes to flashing red, letting drivers know that they can proceed with caution if the crosswalk is clear.
- The beacon then returns to a dark state.

DRIVERS	
See This	Do This
 Dark	→ Proceed with caution.
 Flashing Yellow Light	→ Slow down, prepare to stop. Pedestrian has activated the push button.
 Steady Yellow Light	→ Stop if safe to do so.
 Steady Red Light	→ Stop; remain stopped. Pedestrian in crosswalk.
 Alternating (like train crossing)	→ Stop. Then proceed with caution if the crosswalk is clear.
 Dark	→ Proceed with caution.

signal sequence ↓

PEDESTRIANS	
See This	Do This
	→ Push the button to cross.
	→ Wait.
	→ Continue waiting.
	→ Start Crossing.
	→ Continue Crossing. If walking, continue. Those who have yet to step off the curb in the crosswalk, do not start crossing.
	→ Push the button to cross.