

HAWK Pedestrian Signals

“**HAWK**” stands for **H**igh-intensity **A**ctivated cross-**W**alk. It is a new kind of signal designed to help pedestrians cross busy streets. While different in appearance to the driver, to the pedestrian this signal works the same as any button-activated traffic signal. It stops traffic with a red signal allowing pedestrians to cross more safely.

DRIVERS will notice some new light patterns at the HAWK signal. Drivers may proceed through the crossing if there are no lights lit.

When a pedestrian activates the HAWK signal, a yellow light will flash warning drivers that the signal is about to change. The flashing yellow will change to a solid yellow, for which the driver must stop.

Pedestrians may begin crossing after the solid yellow light changes to two solid red lights.

The two solid red lights will begin to flash alternately while pedestrians continue to cross the street.

When the pedestrians are safely on the curb, drivers may proceed through the crossing while the red lights flash. Obey the flashing red as you would any all-way stop.

Drivers may proceed through the crossing when all of the lights have gone out.



PEDESTRIANS should treat a HAWK signal just like any other traffic signal.

When the WALK signal is lit, you may begin crossing the street.

When the DON'T WALK signal is lit you should continue across the street. You should not begin crossing the street when the DON'T WALK signal is flashing or lit.