

Pedestrian Safety



The City of Middleton takes our role in pedestrian safety very seriously. However, the ultimate burden rests with you — the motorist and pedestrians.

In many cases, crossings do not meet the required warrants or conditions for the installation of a conventional traffic signal, so other safety methods such as warning signs and/or flashing yellow beacons are used.

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HAWK Pedestrian Beacon

*What you need to
know about the
HAWK Signal..*

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What is the HAWK?

HAWK or High-intensity Activated cross-Walk, provides a protected pedestrian crossing to address neighborhood concerns about pedestrian activity.

While different in appearance to the driver, to the pedestrian the signal works the same as any button activated traffic signal. It stops traffic with a red signal allowing pedestrians to cross safely.

Although it looks fairly similar to a traditional signalized pedestrian crossing, the HAWK functions a bit differently. When not in use, it will remain dark. The signal goes through a sequence of six (6) movements after a pedestrian pushes the button. The HAWK signal 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 signal then turns solid red, requiring all drivers to stop at the stop line. Finally, the signal goes to flashing red, letting drivers know that after coming to a complete stop, they can proceed with caution if the way is clear, the same movement they would make at any other flashing red signal. The signal then returns to a dark state.

Using a HAWK signal as a pedestrian is easy. Simply push the button and wait for the WALK signal to appear. It may take up to one minute for the signal to change, depending on the time of day. Be sure traffic has stopped in both directions before you enter the crosswalk. The flashing DON'T WALK signal will appear as you finish your crossing.



DRIVERS

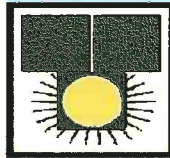
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Do This



Proceed with Caution

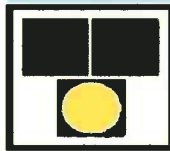
Dark



Slow Down, Prepare to Stop

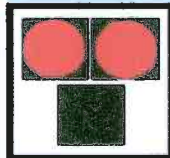
(Pedestrian has activated the push button)

Flashing Yellow Light



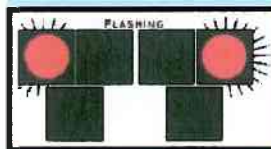
Stop if Safe to do so

Steady Yellow Light



Stop Remain Stopped

Steady Red Light



Stop

(Pedestrian in Crosswalk)

Alternating flashing

(Like a Railroad Crossing)



Proceed with Caution

Dark



PEDESTRIANS

See This

Do This



Push the Button to Cross



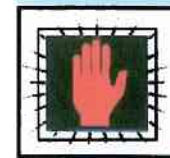
Wait



Continue Waiting



Start Crossing



Continue Crossing

(If walking, continue. Those who have yet to step off the curb, do NOT start.)

(Flashing Hand)



Push the Button to Cross