

PENNDOT, PEDESTRIANS, MOTORISTS & PUBLIC SAFETY

Does your municipality have an intersection or designated mid-block crossing where pedestrians have difficulty crossing the street?

If you do, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) may be able to help by providing free signs to enhance pedestrian safety.

Available from PennDOT are crosswalk signs (official name “Yield to Pedestrian Channelizing Devices”) to assist pedestrians in normal street crossing.

Details

The Yield to Pedestrian signs are free to municipalities throughout the Commonwealth that have either an intersection(s) with a documented car/pedestrian crash history or a location where pedestrians have difficulty in crossing the highway because motorists fail to yield to them lawfully. The signs are designed to remind motorists of Pennsylvania law requiring the operator of a vehicle to yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing a roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection where there are no traffic-controls or traffic controls are not in operation. (See Title 75, Section 3542 (a) for details.)

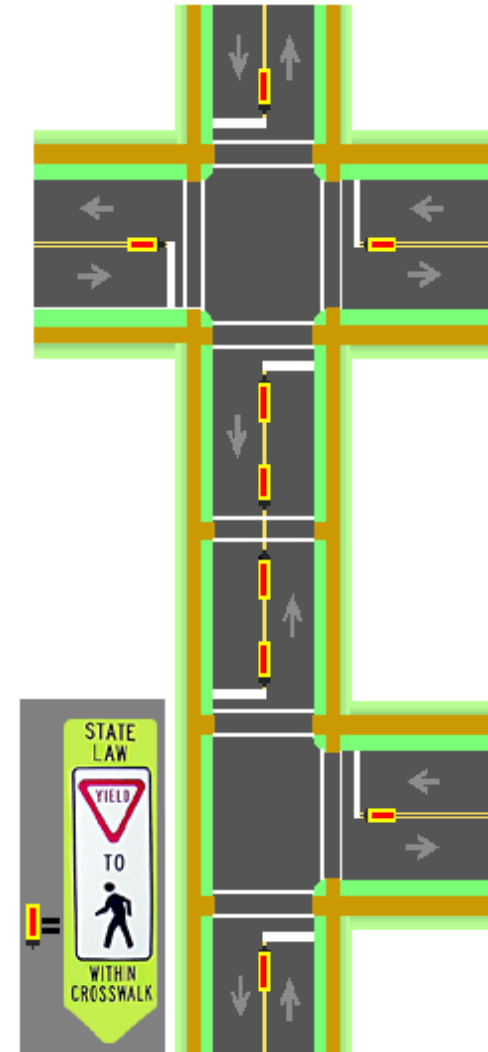
Benefits

Why is PennDOT recommending these devices instead of the traditional post-mounted signs at the curbside? With the increasing complexity of the driving environment within the curbs, the post-mounted signs may go unobserved as motorists focus their attention on the street. These portable, free-standing signs are placed directly on the double yellow paint line within the driver’s line of sight, a location more noticeable for the driver. The width of the sign is the same as a double yellow line and, therefore, requires no additional road space.



The above photos illustrate the typical placement of the Yield to Pedestrian sign at a crosswalk.

Typical Use



The Yield to Pedestrian signs may be placed at intersecting streets or at marked mid-block crossings as shown above.

Current Status

PennDOT has distributed the Yield to Pedestrian signs to numerous municipalities across the state. Reporting municipalities indicate that they are experiencing improved compliance with the law after placing the signs.

Contact

The requirements and process to obtain the signs are fast, simple & easy. For further information, contact your local PennDOT District Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator listed on this brochure.



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