



## Frequently Asked Questions

### *Why is the WALKING PERSON light not long enough to cross the street before the FLASHING HAND is displayed?*

There is a common misunderstanding that the **WALKING PERSON** light should be displayed for the entire time required to cross the street. The **WALKING PERSON** light tells pedestrians that they may begin to cross. The pedestrian protection does not end when the **WALKING PERSON** light ends and the **FLASHING HAND** begins. The **FLASHING HAND** means do not start to cross. It continues to provide protection for pedestrians who began their crossing during the **WALKING PERSON** interval and tells the late arrivals not to begin to cross.

### *I walk slowly and do not have enough time to get across. What should I do?*

Always use the push button. Wait for a fresh **WALKING PERSON** light. This will give you extra time. Start as soon as the **WALKING PERSON** light is displayed and complete your crossing through the **FLASHING HAND** display.

### *Why is the WALKING PERSON light not displayed immediately after I push the yellow pedestrian button?*

At quiet times, the light will change very quickly. At busy times of the day, it can take a little longer to handle heavy traffic on the street. If the Intersection Pedestrian Signal takes longer than 90 seconds to respond, please call 311.

### *Turning vehicles do not give way to me when I cross even when the WALKING PERSON light is displayed. What should I do?*

By law, all vehicles have to yield to pedestrians lawfully within the crosswalk, but some drivers may not show enough courtesy. For your own protection, be attentive and watch for vehicles turning across your path. Make eye contact with the turning driver and be certain that it is safe before continuing to walk across.

### *When I am driving toward the red-yellow-green lights, why do I have to stop so far from the crosswalk?*

The stop line is designed to be at a location which allows motorists facing the signal to easily see the traffic signals and the intersection when stopped. Motorists must stop at or behind the painted stop line on the road for the red light.

### *How do I turn from the side street when vehicles on the main street have stopped for the Intersection Pedestrian Signal?*

You are required to yield to all pedestrians and vehicles on the main street. Once you have stopped for the stop sign, check the pedestrian and vehicular traffic for a suitable gap even though the vehicles on the main street have stopped. When it is safe, proceed into the intersection carefully. When in doubt, act cautiously and allow the main street traffic to clear.

### *Question or Comments?*

Any questions or comments regarding this or any other traffic matter may be directed by calling 311 or emailing [traffic@greatersudbury.ca](mailto:traffic@greatersudbury.ca).

# How to use your Intersection Pedestrian Signal



## Intersection Pedestrian Signal

The **Intersection Pedestrian Signal** is a traffic signal designed to assist pedestrians in crossing a busy street. The signal consists of:

- **RED, YELLOW and GREEN traffic lights for vehicles** on the street that pedestrians are crossing, and
- Lights with **WALKING PERSON** and **HAND** symbols for the **pedestrians**.

There are no traffic lights facing vehicles on the side streets. Those vehicles are controlled by stop signs.



A pedestrian indicates the desire to cross by pushing a push-button. The signal will stop the vehicles on the street and provide an interval for pedestrians to cross.



In order to ensure traffic safety, both motorists and pedestrians have roles to play at an Intersection Pedestrian Signal.

## Pedestrians Crossing the Street



### How to use the signal?

It's easy! Just push the yellow button to indicate your desire to cross. In a few seconds, traffic on the street will stop and the **WALKING PERSON** light will be displayed.



**CROSS THE STREET** only when it is safe!

When you see the **WALKING PERSON** light:

- Look in all traffic directions and check for turning cars.
- Be sure to look **LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT**.
- When it is safe, proceed across.



**DO NOT START** to cross the street after the **FLASHING HAND** has been displayed!

When the **FLASHING HAND** is displayed:

- Do not stop in the middle of the crosswalk or return to the curb.
- Simply complete your crossing to the other side at a normal pace.

## Motorists Facing the Traffic Signal



### Obey the traffic lights

**as at any signal.** Stop at the stop line. Even if the signal turns green, let pedestrians finish crossing before proceeding; also expect traffic to enter the intersection from the side street and cross your path. Before turning left, wait for a gap in on-coming traffic as at any traffic signal.

## Motorists Facing the Stop Sign



### Stop at the painted stop line for the

**stop sign** as at any stop controlled intersection. Allow pedestrians and vehicles to cross. Proceed into the intersection only when pedestrian and vehicular traffic is clear.

## Pedestrian Signals



### WHITE "WALKING MAN"

You may commence crossing the roadway in the crosswalk and in the direction of the signal.



### FLASHING ORANGE "HAND"

You shall not begin crossing the roadway. If you have already entered the roadway you may continue to cross and you have the right-of-way for this purpose over all vehicles.



### STEADY ORANGE "HAND"

You shall not begin to cross the roadway.