

## About HAWK Signals

Whether by vehicle, foot, bicycle, skateboard, scooter or wheelchair, Springfield city streets now serve all modes of transportation.

Crosswalk safety is a top concern of Springfield's Public Works Department. Public Works has installed audible crosswalk signals at 14 crosswalks in Springfield, with plans to install 11 more this year.



A HAWK (high-intensity activated crosswalk) signal is currently under construction at the intersection of Kimbrough Avenue and East Sunset Street in south Springfield, with operation to begin in March.

When a pedestrian activates the HAWK

signal, a flashing yellow light warns drivers approaching the crosswalk. The flashing yellow light is followed by a solid yellow light telling drivers to prepare to stop. The signal then changes to solid red for drivers to stop at the intersection and displays the "Walk" signal for people walking and on bicycles to cross the street with caution. The red signal will begin flashing red after a predetermined amount of time, letting drivers know they can proceed through the intersection when the crosswalk is clear of people on foot and bike. The HAWK signal will then go dark. Drivers can continue through the intersection without stopping until the button is again activated.

## How can you help with crosswalk safety?

### How motorists can help:

- Actively look for crosswalks, mid-block or at intersections, especially when turning left or right at signals. The pedestrian has the right-of-way, even if the pedestrian indicator shows the flashing red hand. The pedestrian has the right-of-way when the white "Walk" signal and the signal with the flashing orange hand is displayed.
- Slow down when approaching a crosswalk.
- Do not pass another vehicle that is slowing down or stopped for a pedestrian in the crosswalk. In addition to being unsafe, it's illegal to do this.
- Consider where you park in relation to a crosswalk. Parking a large pickup truck, van or SUV on the near side of a crosswalk is likely to block the view of pedestrians and other drivers.

### How pedestrians can help:

- Cross at the crosswalk and use the signal.
- Clearly demonstrate your intent of crossing at crosswalks, cross when vehicles stop, and continuously watch for additional approaching traffic.



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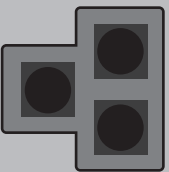
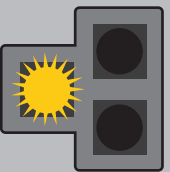
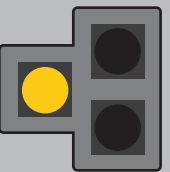
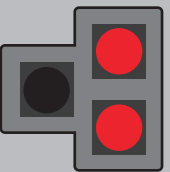
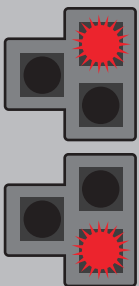
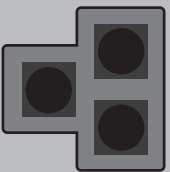
(high-intensity activated crosswalk)









# How does a HAWK signal operate?

When a pedestrian activates a HAWK (high-intensity activated crosswalk) signal, a flashing yellow light warns drivers approaching the crosswalk. The flashing yellow light is followed by a solid yellow light telling drivers to prepare to stop. The signal then changes to solid red for drivers to stop at the intersection and displays the "Walk" signal for people walking and on bicycles to cross the street with caution. The red signal will begin flashing red after a predetermined amount of time, letting drivers know they can proceed through the intersection when the crosswalk is clear. The HAWK signal will then go dark. Drivers can continue through the intersection without stopping until the button is again activated.

## Drivers

...will see this:	...will do this:
	<b>Proceed with Caution</b>
	<b>Slow Down</b> (A pedestrian has activated the push button)
	<b>Prepare to Stop</b>
	<b>STOP!</b> (A pedestrian is in the Crosswalk)
	<b>STOP!</b> Proceed with Caution if Clear
	<b>Proceed if Clear</b>

## Pedestrians

...will see this:	...will do this:
	<b>Push the Button to Cross</b>
	<b>Wait</b>
	<b>Continue to Wait</b>
	<b>Start Crossing</b>
	<b>Continue Crossing</b> (Countdown Signal)
	<b>Push the Button to Cross</b>