

How to use a Hawk Beacon



Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons or *HAWK Beacons* are traffic control devices that stop cars, often mid block, to create safe passage for pedestrians. They are a Proven Safety Countermeasure, meaning that they are effective in preventing deaths and serious injuries from traffic crashes. According to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) they reduce crashes involving pedestrians by 55%.

	Beacon Signals	Drivers	Pedestrians
1.	<p>Dark Until Activated</p>	Be alert.	Press the button to activate.
2.	<p>Flashing Yellow Upon Activation</p>	Slow down.	Wait for the light to change to RED and for cars to STOP.
3.	<p>Steady Yellow</p>	Like a regular YELLOW light, prepare to STOP.	During this time, pedestrians will see the WAIT sign.
4.	<p>Steady Red During Pedestrian Walk Interval</p>	STOP. Pedestrians are crossing.	Start crossing. Pedestrians will see the WALK sign.
5.	<p>Alternating Flashing Red During Pedestrian Clearance Interval</p>	STOP. If and only if no one is crossing, you can proceed.	Finish crossing. Pedestrians will see the FINISH CROSSING BUT DO NOT START sign.
6.	<p>Dark Again Until Activated</p>	Proceed if clear.	Do not cross until WALK sign is on again.

*Hawk Beacon images from the FHWA MUTCD Manual 23rd edition