



PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS



Countdown for Safety

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When to **STOP** & When to **WALK**

New signals make crossing the street as easy as 3-2-1

There's good news for pedestrians and bicycle riders who cross busy intersections in Delaware. The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) is installing new pedestrian signals at various intersections throughout the state that feature a "countdown to safety." Now, knowing whether you should finish crossing the intersection, wait until the next light to enter the intersection, or have plenty of time to cross, is as simple as 3-2-1.

Countdown shows how much time you have left to cross

In addition to traditional "Walk" and "Don't Walk" symbols, the new countdown signals show the number of seconds remaining for a pedestrian to cross the street safely. The timer starts counting at the beginning of the flashing hand display and finishes counting (i.e., a "zero" display is shown) at the end of the flashing hand display. There is no countdown display during the "Walk" or solid "Don't Walk" displays.

Coming to a corner near you...

DelDOT will be installing pedestrian countdown signals at signalized intersections all over the state during the next several years. All new or retrofitted intersections will be equipped with the new countdown signal.

What do the symbols mean?



WALK

The "Walk" symbol indicates that you may start to cross the street. Remember to always check for turning vehicles before stepping into the roadway and to stay alert as you cross.



FLASHING HAND

The "Flashing Hand" symbol occurs only on the traditional pedestrian signals. When the "Flashing Hand" appears, do not begin crossing the street. If you are in the middle of your crossing, continue to the other side or to a pedestrian island. You should have plenty of time to get there.



FLASHING HAND WITH COUNTDOWN SYMBOL

At some intersections, you will see the traditional "Flashing Hand" with a display that shows the number of seconds remaining for you to cross the intersection safely. This tells anyone who has already started crossing how much time is left before the "Steady (Don't Walk) Hand" appears. The countdown timer is especially useful when the crossing distance is long, such as when crossing multiple lanes.



STEADY DON'T WALK HAND

When the "Hand" signal stays a solid red, do not start to cross the street. You must stop at the curb and wait for the next "Walk" signal before crossing the street.

How to use pedestrian signals

Follow these signals and stay safe while crossing the street.

COUNTDOWN SIGNAL – COMING SOON TO A CORNER NEAR YOU

 START CROSSING Watch For Vehicles	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  DON'T START Finish Crossing If Started </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> TIME REMAINING To Finish Crossing </div> </div>	 STEADY DON'T CROSS
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BASIC SIGNAL – LOCATED AT MOST INTERSECTIONS

 START CROSSING Watch For Vehicles	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  FLASHING </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> DON'T START Finish Crossing If Started </div> </div>	 STEADY DON'T CROSS
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Accessible signals help the seeing impaired cross safely

Audible pedestrian signals help people who have limited vision to cross the street safely. This information is basically the same information available to sighted pedestrians – just in a different form. The signal gives off a beeping sound so it can be located easily. Then, with the push of a button, it emits a new sound or voice command and vibrates, telling pedestrians to wait or if the "Walk" indication is on. DelDOT is currently installing accessible pedestrian signals by request. Contact DelDOT Public Relations at (800) 652-5600 for a request form.

