



HOW TO USE AN RRFB

(Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon)

Pedestrians and Bicyclists



Press the button to activate the RRFB signals; the lights will begin to flash indicating to motorists a pedestrian is ready to cross.

Pedestrians

1. Make eye contact with motorists to be sure traffic is yielding before entering the crosswalk.
2. Walk defensively, scanning both directions to be sure motorists see you.
3. Always scan the road while crossing making sure all vehicles have stopped.

Bicyclists

1. Obey all traffic signs and signals.
2. When using the crosswalk, follow the pedestrian rules.
3. When using the travel lane, ride in the direction of traffic and always yield to pedestrians.

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An illustration of a road with a crosswalk. A yellow RRFB is positioned in the center of the crosswalk. A white car is stopped behind a stop bar on the left side of the road. A red car is stopped behind it. A pedestrian is crossing the crosswalk. A black car is stopped behind the crosswalk. A cyclist is crossing the crosswalk from the right. A sign on the right side of the road indicates that bicyclists in the roadway yield to pedestrians and bicyclists in the crosswalk. A sign on the left side of the road indicates that RRFBs will flash when a pedestrian presses the button. A sign on the right side of the road indicates that bicyclists in the roadway yield to pedestrians and bicyclists in the crosswalk. A sign on the left side of the road indicates that motorists stop behind the stop bar until pedestrians and bicyclists have cleared the crosswalk.

Motorists stop behind the stop bar until pedestrians and bicyclists have cleared the crosswalk.

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Bicyclists in the roadway yield to pedestrians and bicyclists in the crosswalk.

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Motorists

Always stop for pedestrians and bicyclists at crosswalks.

1. Anticipate pedestrians crossing when approaching an RRFB.
2. Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk.
3. Always stop before the stop bar (line) pavement markings.
4. Never stop in or block a crosswalk.
5. Always stop for pedestrians entering or in a crosswalk.
6. Remain stopped for pedestrians regardless of activated RRFBs.
7. Wait for pedestrians to completely clear the crosswalk on your side of the road, and for anyone crossing into your lanes from the other direction.

FAST FACT

RRFBs use an irregular flash pattern that is similar to emergency flashers on police vehicles.

[Source: FHWA, 2008]