



Pedestrian Signals

The City of Mississauga uses warrant guidelines set out in the Ministry of Transportation's Ontario Traffic Manual to determine the need for pedestrian signals at intersections and mid-block crossings. The warrant takes into consideration the following factors:

- Minimum Pedestrian Crossing Volume
- Minimum Pedestrian Delay
- Collision History

Follow these Steps for Pedestrian Crossing to Stay Safe:

- **Always push the button** – The pedestrian walk signal will not appear unless the pedestrian button is pressed. Pushing the button prompts the intersection computer and tells it that a pedestrian is present and waiting to cross. Proper pedestrian time is then provided. If the button is not pressed, the intersection computer will assume that it only needs to provide enough time for the vehicles to clear. Often, this is not enough time for a pedestrian to cross.
- **Do not start crossing until the walk signal appears** – Even though you have pushed the button, the walk indication on the pedestrian traffic signal will not appear until all conflicting phases have finished. Pedestrians should always observe and obey the pedestrian signals provided, not the signals provided for motorists.
- **If you're halfway across the road and the hand starts flashing, keep walking** – The flashing hand is a warning to pedestrians just starting to cross that they will not have enough time to cross the intersection. Pedestrians who are in the middle of crossing when the flashing hand appears will have enough time to cross and should continue walking.
- **Solid orange hand means do not start crossing** – The solid orange hand means that the pedestrian phase is over and pedestrians must push the pedestrian button and wait for the Walk indication.

Enhanced Pedestrian Signals:

- **Pedestrian Countdown Signals** – Pedestrian Countdown Signals are designed to be used at locations with high pedestrian volume and to assist slower moving pedestrians. A visual numerical output is displayed during the "Flashing Don't Walk" portion of the pedestrian crossing time. This way, individuals can see the exact remaining time they have left to safely complete crossing the intersection

- **Accessible (audible) Pedestrian Signals** – Accessible Pedestrian Signals are designed to assist visually challenged individuals to safely cross a signalized intersection. The north/south walk phase crossing is indicated by a cuckoo sound and the east/west walk phase crossing is indicated by a Canadian Melody (peeping) sound. Both the cuckoo and peeping are North American standard sounds for assisting visually challenged individuals in crossing an intersection safely.

Pedestrian Signal Inquiries/Requests:

For inquiries and/or requests involving pedestrian signals on City roads, please contact Mississauga's 3-1-1 (or dial 905-615-4311, if outside of City limits) from Monday to Friday between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.