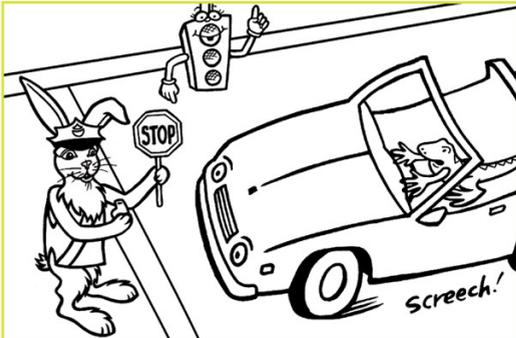


Red Means Stop

Some RED signals have a flashing clear strobe light that emphasizes that drivers must stop. They are generally in locations where drivers have been doing a *very bad* job of obeying the signals. Some drivers have a guilty conscience and think the strobe light means they are being photographed by an enforcement camera. Hopefully the flashing strobe will change their bad habits into smarter and safer behavior.



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Wash Crossings— Operation Splash!

Heavy rains in Tucson quickly fill washes, dips, and other low-lying areas with water. Water in streams can rise very rapidly and without warning.

A barricade is a signal that unsafe conditions exist beyond it. The force of water in these areas can wash cars downstream into even deeper waters. **Please do not drive around these barricades!** When it is once again safe to cross, TDOT personnel will remove the warning barricades.

So if you see barricades or water flowing – When in Doubt Change Your Route! or Wait it Out!

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Pedestrian Signals

Instructions for pedestrian crossing operation are clearly presented beside the crossing activation button. Please read and obey these directions. The walk light will only stay on for a short while and means that it's OK to leave the curb. Pedestrians are still protected during the flashing "DON'T WALK" time period. You may continue across the street to the next safety island or sidewalk, whichever is closer.

PEDESTRIANS MUST PUSH BUTTON FOR

	or		START TO CROSS WITH CARE: WATCH for TURNING TRAFFIC
	or		DO NOT START TO CROSS: You may CONTINUE across the street to next safety island or sidewalk—whichever is closer
	or		STAY OUT OF THE STREET: If you are still crossing GET OUT of the street immediately

You may obtain additional information by calling the Tucson Department of Transportation's Public Information Officer at 791-4371

Si desea recibir esta información en español, llame a la Oficina de información Publica al 791-4124.

Safety is TDOT's number one priority. For a free Activity Book, featuring Zack Rabbit and Lenny Lizard, that teaches kids how to be safe around traffic, call 791-4371.



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Frequently Asked Questions about:

- School Zones
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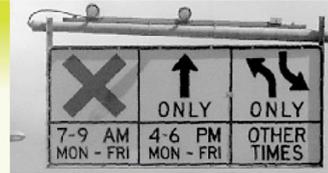
School Zones – Slow Down!



15 MPH means 15 miles per hour!
No Passing means NO PASSING!

Protect our children! If you see a problem or have a concern about a school crossing operation or want a school crossing at a new location, please contact the school where the crossing is located.

Reversible Lanes



Remember - No left turn at any point during reversible lane hours.

Moving traffic around Tucson is growing more challenging each year. This is especially true for major east-west streets that have more vehicles using them than they were designed for. Some streets in Tucson and throughout the State of Arizona have special yellow striping that provide an extra lane for traffic in one direction in the morning and the opposite direction in the evening. Currently the only street in Tucson using a reversible lane is Grant Road from Swan to Stone. Traffic has an extra lane westbound from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and eastbound from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. **OBEY THE SIGNS AND REMEMBER - NO LEFT TURN** during the hours the reversible lane is in operation.

The Advantages of the reversible lane are:

- ▼ Improved peak-hour traffic flow
- ▼ Longer green lights due to no left turn signals
- ▼ Fewer accidents due to reduced traffic congestion and conflicts

Flashing Yellow Arrows

The majority of the arrows are at right turn lanes. The flashing yellow arrow means turns may be made with caution and drivers **MUST** yield to the pedestrian or other drivers who are lawfully in the intersection. Be sure to look out for opposite U-turning vehicles moving into the same area.

HAWK Crossings

HAWK means High intensity Activated crossWALK.

BE ALERT. Use extra caution when approaching a pedestrian crossing. Watch for pedestrians and be prepared to stop when the light is RED.

STOP. Drivers must stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk when lights are RED.

BE COURTEOUS. Take special care when children are crossing.

DO NOT PASS WAITING VEHICLES. Pedestrians must check every lane before entering it. Give them time to cross safely and comfortably. **The flashing Red means come to a full stop, then proceed when it's safe, yielding to the pedestrians except in school zones when drivers must wait.**

STAY ALERT. After stopping for a pedestrian, observe the area carefully. Look for other pedestrians who may be entering the crosswalk. Pedestrians have the right-of-way when they can see either the WALKING PERSON or the flashing HELPING HAND display.

"Watching over the Pedestrian like a **HAWK.**"



Lagging Left Turn Signals Give You More "Green"



In the City of Tucson, the left turn arrow comes on **AFTER** the through traffic is stopped. This saves time, reduces accidents and lowers our insurance rates.* Be patient - your arrow will come!

* *Arizona Daily Star*, November 6, 2000 and March 25, 2002.

Arizona

Monday, March 25, 2002

Rates are lower in Tucson

In 2000, the Arizona Insurance Information Association compared insurance rate quotes in four cities: Phoenix, Glendale, Scottsdale and Tucson.

Quotes for six-month premiums in the Tucson area were \$59 to \$156 less than in Phoenix and Glendale. The quotes for Scottsdale were \$5 to \$25 higher than in Tucson.

Frederikson said the lower premiums in Tucson and Scottsdale mean that insurance companies are receiving fewer and less expensive claims in those two cities than in Phoenix and Glendale.

He said the configuration of left-turn signals in the Tucson and Scottsdale areas may be part of the reason drivers get into fewer and less serious accidents in the Tucson area.

"It's something that needs more study... But you're doing something right in Tucson, whether from a traffic engineering perspective or an enforcement perspective."

"Most of these collisions are behavior problems," Frederikson said. "People make irresponsible decisions... and the results are often devastating."

Monday, November 6, 2000 • B5

Tucson's lagging left turns may be safer

System could reduce red-light running, insurance company statistics suggest

TUCSON - Lagging left turn signals used in Scottsdale and Tucson are giving drivers lower insurance rates and may be making the roads a little safer, according to rate research by a group of insurance agents.

Additionally, the insurance expert who did the research thinks accidents caused by red-light runners would decrease if more cities used lagging lefts.

"I've been looking at that statistic for years, and it just has to be more than coincidental," Jim Frederikson, executive director of the Arizona Insurance Information Association, told the Tribune, a newspaper serving suburban Phoenix.

"It's pretty solid stuff. I think. Lagging left looks to me like the superior system. You can't say drivers here are better than drivers there."

Frederikson used numbers from an Arizona Department of Insurance study earlier this year to find that a married, middle-aged couple in Phoenix, where leading left turns are common, pays \$1,340 a year, or \$114 more than the same couple in Scottsdale would pay, a difference of more than 9 percent.

A Mesa couple pays \$1,290, or \$84 more than one in Tucson a difference of nearly 7 percent. Tucson was first city in Arizona to use lagging lefts.