



FLASHING YELLOW ARROW GUIDE

Safer, More Efficient Traffic Signals

ODOT is upgrading traffic signals to enhance safety and traffic flow at intersections with high crash frequencies in Ohio. Some of these intersections may now use a flashing yellow arrow for turning traffic. Studies show the addition of a flashing yellow arrow provides clearer instruction to drivers and results in fewer crashes.

Understanding the Signal for Your Turn Lane



Solid Red Arrow: STOP. No Left Turns Allowed.

Do not enter the intersection to turn. Stop and wait until the signal changes.

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Flashing Yellow Arrow: Yield, then Turn Left When Safe

Yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians in the crosswalk; then turn. (See back to learn more.)

Or Solid Yellow Arrow: Prepare to Stop



Do not enter the intersection to turn. Stop and wait until the signal changes.

Solid Green Arrow: Left Turns Allowed and Protected

Turning traffic has the right of way. Oncoming traffic and pedestrians are stopped.

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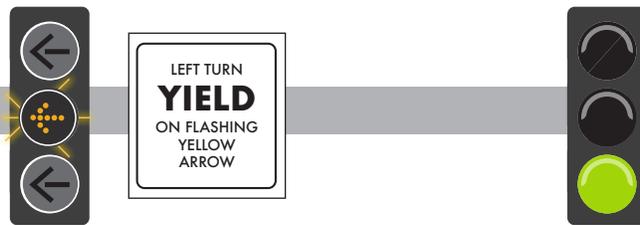
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Flashing Yellow Arrow When Turning Left: Yield, Then Turn

When turning left on a Flashing Yellow Arrow, **drivers must yield** to oncoming traffic and pedestrians before turning.

Oncoming traffic has a green signal and the right of way.

Flashing Yellow Arrows replace the traditional green ball when turning left. The Flashing Yellow Arrow gives drivers more opportunities to safely turn left and more options to keep traffic moving efficiently during different times of the day.



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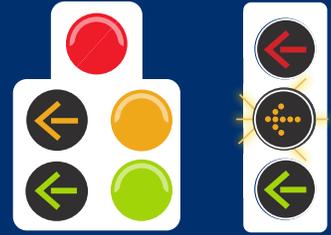
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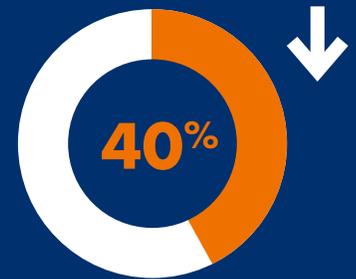
Flashing Yellow Arrow Tips

1. **Pay attention!**
2. **Remember** – The Flashing Yellow Arrow will be used depending on time of day and traffic conditions.
3. Opposing traffic has a green signal and the right of way.
4. Yield to oncoming traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists in the crosswalk to your left.
5. Always watch the signal for your turn lane . . . not the signals or traffic in other lanes.
6. Some intersections do not have turn arrows, based on traffic needs.

Did you know?



Flashing Yellow Arrows replace a traditional green ball on a traffic signal, but it means the same thing: **yield to oncoming traffic**



Reduce left-turning crashes by up to 40%



Minimize travel delays by providing more turning opportunities