

Pedestrian Signals Purpose



Pedestrian Signals provide a signal phase specifically for pedestrians to cross the intersection.

When crossing the street as a pedestrian:

- Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections, if possible.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- When the signal indicates it is time to cross, check for motor vehicles. Watch for turning motorists and try to make eye contact.
- Look left, right, and left before crossing the roadway.
- Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.
- Avoid distractions such as cell phone use while crossing the street - Stay Alert!

More Questions?

The City is committed to providing a safe, efficient, and advanced Traffic Signal System for residents and visitors within Laguna Niguel.

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Understanding Pedestrian Signals



- ▶ What are pedestrian signals?
- ▶ How do I cross at a pedestrian signal?
- ▶ How do I approach the signal as a motorist?

This brochure is designed to educate and clarify crossing practices at signals



When crossing at traffic signals, do the following:

SEE

DO



**PUSH
BUTTON
TO CROSS**



WAIT



**START
CROSSING**



**FINISH
CROSSING**
Do not start
crossing during
countdown



**PUSH
BUTTON
TO CROSS**


When Approaching the Intersection as a Motorist:

- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Look for pedestrians and bicyclists when approaching an intersection.
- Stop before the crosswalk to give enough space for pedestrians to cross.
- Wait for pedestrians to finish crossing before proceeding – even if the light turns green.
- When turning right on a green light, yield to pedestrians before turning.
- Avoid distractions such as cell phone use – Stay Alert!




Most Commonly Asked Questions

Do I have to push the pedestrian button to activate the pedestrian signal?



Yes. The pedestrian button informs the traffic signal system that you would like to cross the intersection. If not pressed, the  phase will not trigger.

Why the delay in my turn?

Pressing the pedestrian push button will get you into the queue for the walk phase during the next traffic signal cycle.

Notify City staff if the  symbol does not appear after two full cycles and try using a different crosswalk.


Why does the start before I finish crossing the street?

The  is a warning to not begin crossing the street. If you have already begun crossing the roadway during the , then continue and finish crossing the street.



What is that noise from the traffic signal?

Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) is a system to help visually impaired people locate the pedestrian push button and provide audible direction when and where to cross.

What about countdown clocks?

A countdown clock  shows how much time you have left to cross. Make sure you can cross completely within the time remaining before starting across the roadway.

Can I receive a citation for entering the crosswalk when I see the .

You may start crossing when you see the  or the countdown clock as long as you finish before the countdown ends. Entering the crosswalk during a steady  can result in a citation.