

# Using Crosswalks with Flashing Beacon Signs

- St. Peters' Traffic Department has installed pedestrian crosswalks with flashing beacon signs on some busy roads where a lot of people cross the street (such as near City parks or at an apartment complex).
- These pedestrian signs (also called Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons) have LED lights that flash when a pedestrian activates them by pushing a button.
- Flashing beacon signs warn drivers coming from each direction of traffic that a pedestrian is crossing the road at the crosswalk. Learn how drivers and pedestrians should approach crosswalks with flashing beacon signs:



## How should a driver react when the beacon signs are flashing?

Slow down, watch carefully for pedestrians, and yield to any person in the crosswalk. When the pedestrian has safely moved out of your side of the road, you may slowly travel through the crosswalk. Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk whether you are in a through lane or a turn lane, or if you're turning onto or from the road with pedestrians in the crosswalk.



## How can pedestrians use flashing beacon signs?

Push the button to activate the flashing beacon and look for approaching traffic to determine if it's safe to enter the crosswalk. Before you enter the crosswalk, be sure that vehicles are slowing down or stopping to allow you to cross.

*A pedestrian can use the crosswalk without activating the flashing*



*beacons—the warning lights are an additional measure to give drivers extra warning and pedestrians added safety.*

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## What the law say about yielding for pedestrians:

Missouri state law requires vehicles to yield for pedestrians who are crossing the road within a crosswalk—but pedestrians shouldn't enter the crosswalk when vehicles don't have enough time to stop for them. If a pedestrian crosses the street other than at a marked crosswalk, the pedestrian needs to yield the right-of-way to vehicles.