

# Get to Know the Flashing Yellow

The Montana Department of Transportation is installing flashing yellow left-turn arrows at intersections throughout the state. The signal directs motorists to turn left when there's a safe gap in traffic.

**WHY?** Flashing yellow arrow signals keep traffic flowing smoothly through intersections and lead to fewer crashes.

**HOW?** When you see a flashing yellow arrow at an intersection where you want to make a left turn, simply:

- ◀ Slow down and enter the intersection with caution.
- ◀ Yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians.
- ◀ Turn left when it's safe.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Left-turn crashes are often the most severe crashes at intersections.

## THE MORE YOU KNOW

- ◀ The flashing yellow arrow is always followed by a steady yellow arrow, or a green arrow; never by a red light. This allows motorists to anticipate when a flashing yellow arrow will turn red.
- ◀ Oncoming traffic has a green light while the yellow arrow is flashing, so drivers must determine if there is an adequate gap in traffic before turning left.
- ◀ Motorists are always required to yield to pedestrians.
- ◀ The Montana Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration have adopted the flashing yellow arrow as a national standard.



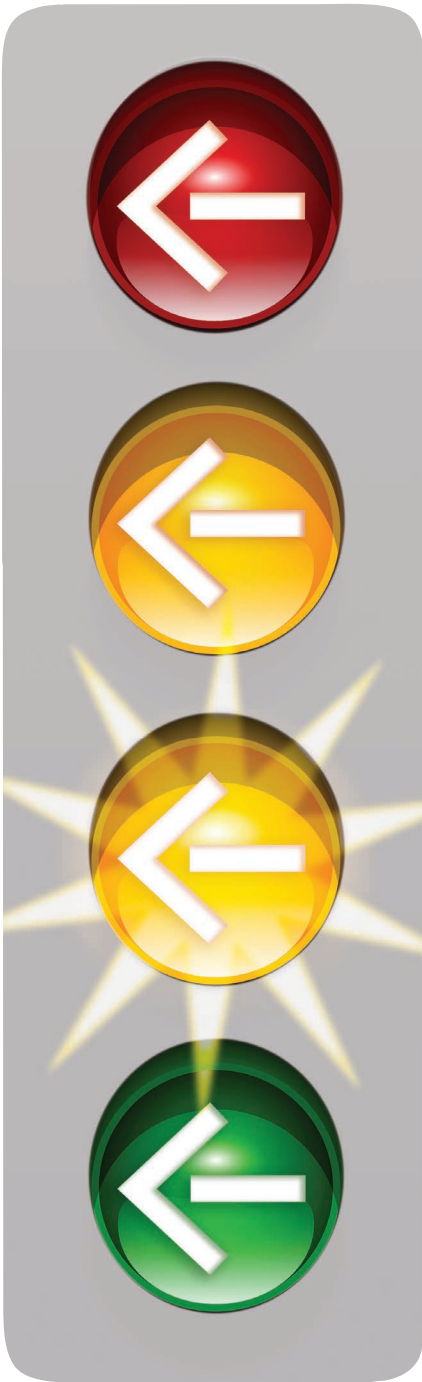
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# What do the arrows mean?



## STEADY RED ARROW

- ⬅ Drivers must stop and may not enter the intersection.

## STEADY YELLOW ARROW

- ⬅ Drivers are warned the turning signal is turning red.
- ⬅ Do not enter the intersection if you can stop safely.
- ⬅ Vehicles in the intersection should safely complete their turn.

## FLASHING YELLOW ARROW

- ⬅ Slow down and enter the intersection with caution.
- ⬅ Yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians.
- ⬅ Turn left when it's safe.

## STEADY GREEN ARROW

- ⬅ Drivers making a turn have the right-of-way.

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