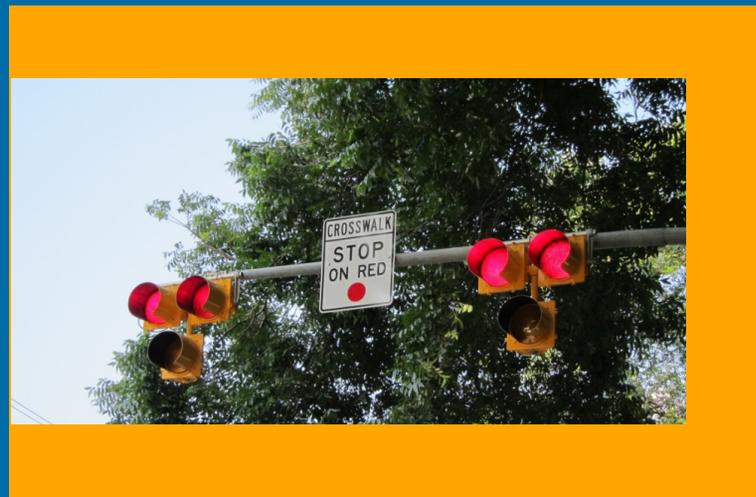


# INTRODUCING HAWK SIGNALIZED CROSSWALKS



## Increasing the Safety of Pedestrians

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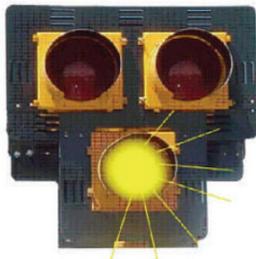


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## CROSS WITH HAWK

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is introducing a new traffic control device on certain roadways in an effort to improve pedestrian safety. This special type of device is known as a pedestrian hybrid beacon. It is more commonly referred to as a “HAWK” which derives from the phrase “**H**igh-intensity **A**ctivated **C**rosswalk” signal. A pedestrian hybrid beacon or “HAWK” is used to warn and control traffic at an unsignalized location and to assist pedestrians in crossing a highway at a marked crosswalk. HAWK signals are pedestrian-activated and are typically located over a mid-block street crossing. When activated, it signals vehicles to stop, thereby allowing pedestrians to cross a street, but also permitting vehicles to proceed once the pedestrian has cleared the roadway and allowing for efficient traffic flow.

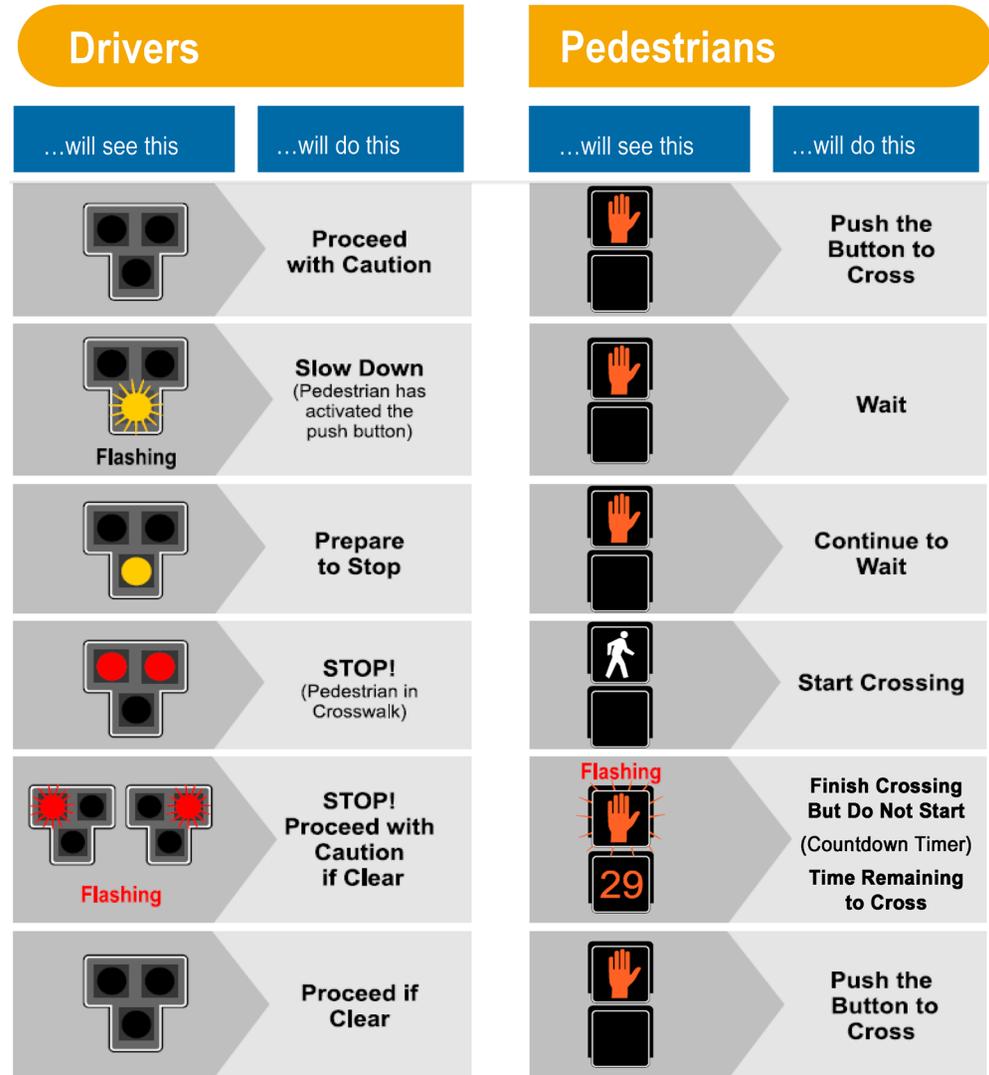
HAWK signals are successfully providing additional protection for pedestrians in numerous states across the country. According to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), a mid-block crossing equipped with a HAWK signal could have up to 69% fewer accidents than one without any traffic control.



## HOW DOES A HAWK SIGNAL WORK?

This pedestrian hybrid beacon consists of two red lenses above a single yellow lens. The beacon remains “dark” until a pedestrian is ready to cross the street. At this point, the pedestrian will push an easy to reach button that activates the HAWK. After displaying brief flashing and steady yellow intervals, the HAWK displays a steady red indication to motorists and a “WALK” indication to pedestrians, allowing them to cross a mid block crossing while traffic is stopped. After the pedestrian phase ends, the “WALK” indication changes to a flashing orange hand to notify pedestrians that their clearance time is ending. The HAWK then displays alternating flashing red indications to motorists while pedestrians finish their crossings before once again going dark at the conclusion of the cycle.

## WHAT WILL I SEE?



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