



Safe Mobility At Intersections

Countdown Pedestrian Signals



What are countdown pedestrian signals?

Countdown pedestrian signals consist of a regular pedestrian signal with standard shapes and color, and an added display showing the number of seconds left to safely cross the street.

Where are they being used?

Countdown pedestrian signals are now the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) standard pedestrian signal on the State Highway System. Countdowns are being installed on all new construction and any rebuilt traffic signal installations where pedestrians are involved.



How do they work?

The countdown time period is based on walking speed and crossing distance. For instance, an eight-lane highway would have a longer countdown period than a four-lane road. The countdown period starts at the beginning of the DON'T START or flashing hand phase and ends with a zero and a DON'T WALK or solid red hand.

What are the benefits?

Countdown pedestrian signals are easily understood by all age groups; they increase the feeling of safety; reduce the number of pedestrians stranded in the crosswalk when the light changes; are well suited for wide crossings and areas with large numbers of senior citizens; and are simple to install.



For more information, visit FDOT's Safe Mobility for Life Web site at: www.dot.state.fl.us/trafficoperations/safetyisgolden.htm