

How does a HAWK Signal Work?

What is a HAWK Signal?



A HAWK (High-Intensity Activated crossWalk) signal is a signal-beacon designed to help pedestrians safely cross busy streets. In 2022 Charlotte County installed a HAWK Signal on Olean Boulevard near Fawcett Hospital.

While different in appearance for motorists, for the pedestrian, this signal works like other push-button activated traffic signals by stopping traffic with a red signal, allowing pedestrians to cross with a WALK signal.

HAWK signals can be installed on streets with regular traffic signals as part of the County's coordinated signal system.

Pedestrians

Will see this...



Will do this...

Push button to call for WALK signal



Wait

(It may take up to one minute for the signal to change)



Wait



Start crossing after you see the WALK signal

(Be sure traffic has stopped)



Continue Crossing

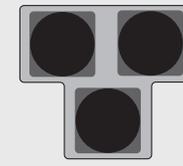
(Countdown signal)



Push the button to cross

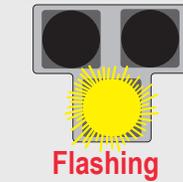
Motorists

Will see this...

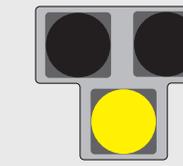


Will do this...

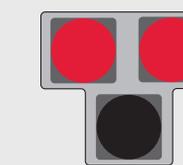
Proceed



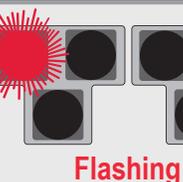
Proceed with Caution
(Signal has been activated)



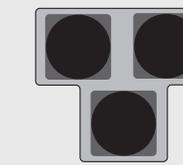
Slow down and prepare to STOP



STOP!



STOP!
Then proceed with caution if clear



Proceed