



Safe Driving Traffic Lights & Signs

Welcome to Week 1 of our Special Emphasis Program on Safe Driving, brought to you by the Office of Workers' Compensation and Loss Control Innovations!

This week, we'll focus on the significance of road sign colors and unique traffic light meanings. Different colors on roadway signs are used to communicate various types of information, including regulatory rules, detours, and directions. These color standards are designed to help motorists easily and interpret important messages, regardless of their location in the country.

Although you may be familiar with green indicating go, yellow signaling preparing to stop, and red meaning stop, these colors are now used in various formats, including solid and flashing lights, and different shapes beyond the traditional circle.

For more insights on this topic and others, our Office of Workers' Compensation, in partnership with Loss Control Innovations, offers in-depth courses and material. Feel free to contact a member of the Risk Management Team for assistance.

	RED Regulatory, immediate action.
	ORANGE Temporary road conditions.
	YELLOW Road conditions.
	WHITE Traffic regulation, helpful information.
	GREEN Directions, permitted movements.



Solid Red Arrow: Stop!
No left turns allowed. Drivers should wait at the intersection approach.



Solid Yellow Arrow:
The signal is about to turn red and drivers should prepare to stop.



Flashing Yellow Arrow:
Left turns allowed, but you must yield to oncoming traffic/pedestrians.



Solid Green Arrow: It's safe to turn left. Oncoming traffic must stop.

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