



WARNING SIGNS TRAFFIC POLICY



City of Edina

PURPOSE: Warning signs are used when it is deemed necessary to warn traffic of existing or potentially hazardous conditions on or adjacent to a highway or street. Warning signs require caution on the part of the vehicle operator and may call for a reduction in speed or a maneuver in the interest of safety for the motorist or pedestrian. The use of warning signs should be kept to a minimum. Overuse of warning signs, especially for conditions which are apparent, tends to breed disrespect for signs in general, and they lose their effectiveness. Warning signs many times have an initial positive effect but soon lose the attention of regular passers-by. At speeds under 35 MPH motorists using due care can respond to hazards or conditions presented in the roadway without the need for warning signs.

PROCESS: Your traffic safety concern or request will be formalized by the staff member you have contacted. That person will work with you and gather the pertinent facts and help clearly define the problem and seek a solution. Those facts will be reviewed by the City Engineer, the Police Chief, and the Assistant City Manager. That group will make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the matter. The staff safety review recommendation will be shared with you. If you disagree with the recommendation or can bring forth additional information and/or facts that are persuasive as related to the City warrants/policies for the requested issue, you can appear at the second Council meeting of the month and present your viewpoint. We suggest you alert any interested parties to attend the meeting with you. In all cases the City Council is the final authority on traffic safety matters. Any subsequent review of the same or similar request is at the discretion of the City Council.

POLICY:

1. The provisions of the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) shall be followed.
2. Traffic analysis, engineering, and property use facts and data shall be reviewed when considering warning signs.
3. Absent supporting facts and data, warning signs will not be erected on residential streets.
4. Any of the following conditions may warrant the installation of a warning sign:
 - a. Speed Advisory Warning Sign
In conjunction with another warning sign where geometrics or operating conditions warrant a reduced speed.
 - b. Curve or Turn Warning Sign
Installed in residential locations when inadequate sight lines warrant. Installed when a street or roadway turns at a right angle.

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- c. Park or Playground Warning Sign
Installed on the park property at the focal point or entrance to the park.
- d. Blind Driveway Warning Sign
Installed on collector or arterial roadways where the speed limit is 35 MPH or greater and inadequate sight lines warrant.
- e. International Pedestrian Warning Sign
Installed on established pedestrian routes where 10 pedestrians per hour for two continuous hours are documented.
- f. School, School Crossing, & School Bus Stop Warning Signs
Installation in accordance with Part VII of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)
- g. Advance Crossing Warning Signs (Deer, Bicycles, Etc.)
Not installed on 30 MPH roadways - installed on collector or arterial roadways with a speed limit of 35 MPH or greater.
- h. Senior Citizen and Disabled Pedestrian Crossing Warning Signs
Installed on any street or highway in the vicinity of a senior citizen housing project, nursing home, residential care facility or other location generating crossings by seniors or disabled persons.
- i. Children at Play Warning Signs
Not installed within the City of Edina. This sign has been incorporated into the International Pedestrian Warning Sign (see e. above).
- j. Hill Warning Sign
Installed in advance of a downgrade where the length percent of grade horizontal curvature or other physical features require special precaution on the part of drivers.
- k. Stop Ahead, Yield Ahead, Signals Ahead Warning Signs
Installed on approaches where the traffic control sign is not continuously visible to the driver.
- l. Chevron Alignment Warning Sign
Installed to give notice of a sharp change of alignment with the direction of travel.
- m. Dead End/No Outlet Warning Signs
Installed where a roadway terminates in a dead end or where a turn-around is necessary to return to a point of origin.
- n. Disabled Person Warning Signs
 - (i) (Warning signs will be installed upon the request of a disabled person or by the representative of a disabled person.
 - (ii) Requestors will be asked to notify the City to remove the sign when the disability no longer exists or the person moves.
 - (iii) Disability specific signs or signs of a more generic nature will be the choice of the requestor.
 - (iv) Signs shall be black on yellow, standard warning colors.
 - (v) Signs available include:
 - "Deaf Child", "Deaf Child Area"
 - "Blind Child", "Blind Child Area"
 - "Disabled Child/Person", "Disabled Child/Person Area", or
 - The generic "International Pedestrian" sign