

Did you know?



Approximately
27%

of all intersection crashes in the United States are associated with left turns, with more than two-thirds of those occurring at signalized intersections.

A study conducted by researchers at Bradley University on 86 test intersections equipped with flashing yellow arrows and signage found:

32% reduction
in left turn-related crashes

31% reduction
in left turn opposing-through crashes

Illinois Center for Transportation study info:
<https://publish.illinois.edu/ict/2016/07/01/flashing-yellow-arrows-found-to-reduce-left-turn-crashes-in-ict-study-conducted-for-idot>

Drivers Remember:

**Flashing
Yellow = Turn
with Caution**



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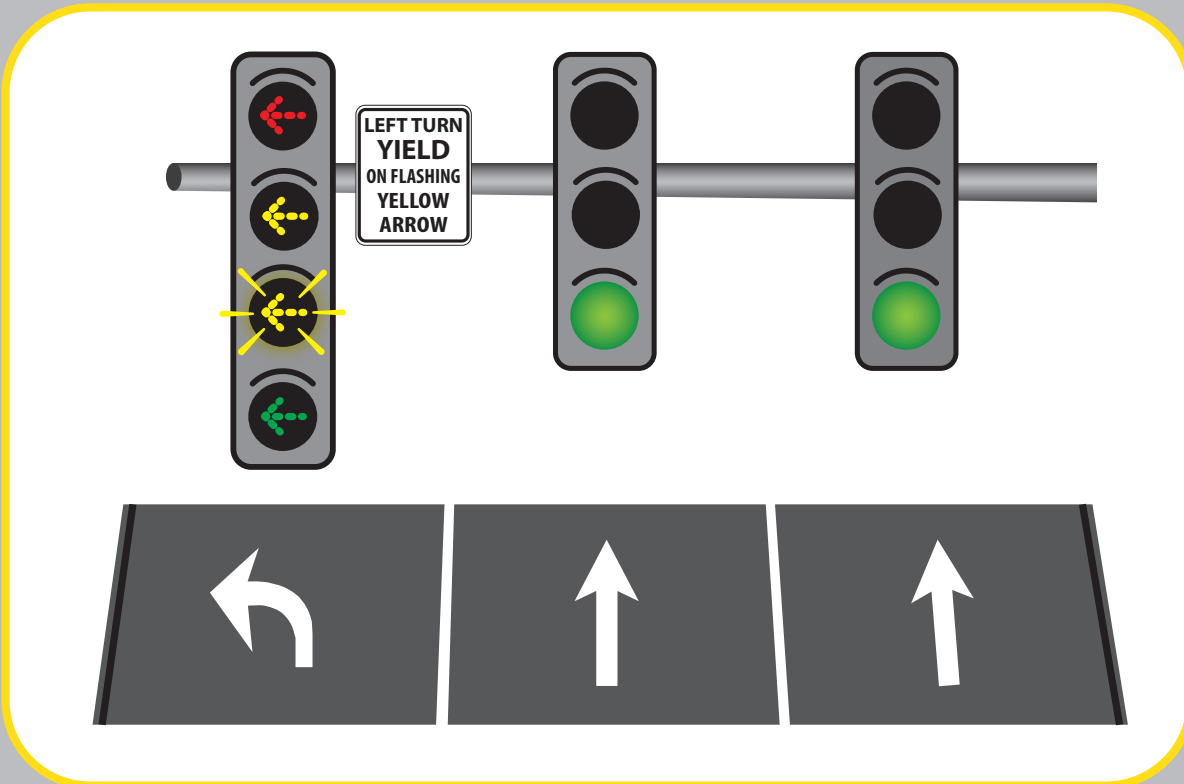
NEW IN LAKE COUNTY

**Flashing
Yellow**


**Arrow:
a safer signal**




Flashing yellow arrows are a new type of traffic signal that provides a safer, more efficient left turn movement for motorists.



 **Steady Red**
requires you to stop and wait.

 **Steady Yellow**
warns you that the left turn signal is about to change and that you should prepare to stop or to complete your left turn if you are legally within the intersection and no conflicting traffic is present.

 **Flashing Yellow**
allows you to turn left when oncoming traffic has a green light, if there is an adequate gap in oncoming traffic and no pedestrian conflicts.

 **Steady Green**
gives you the right of way to turn left.

Frequently-Asked Questions

What should motorists do when approaching a flashing yellow signal?
It's simple! A flashing yellow arrow means to first YIELD to oncoming vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians, then turn left with caution.

Is the flashing yellow arrow always on?
The flashing yellow arrow will typically come on during each cycle when the opposing direction has a green light. Engineers also have the ability to adjust the operation throughout the day.

Are there plans to make the flashing yellow arrow the standard at all Lake County-involved intersections?
We are starting with one corridor and observing performance there before we look to address other corridors.

Are other agencies implementing flashing yellow arrows?
Both Kane and McHenry County Divisions of Transportation have installed them. They are also being installed in some areas in downstate Illinois and in many neighboring states.