

Want to see more crosswalks?

If you would like to see a crosswalk installed at a particular location, please contact the City's Transportation Department.

City staff will be happy to review your request.



Did you know:

There are more than 100 crosswalks in the City of Campbell River, including 24 with solar-powered flashing amber lights!



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Pedestrian Crosswalks

Safe Crossings for Safe Communities



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Pedestrian Crosswalks: Safe Crossings for Safe Communities

Why use crosswalks?

Crosswalks are a tool to help pedestrians safely cross the road, and research shows crosswalks encourage more walking, which promotes healthy residents, healthy communities, and builds healthy neighbourhoods.

Crosswalks and other traffic control devices assign right of way at an intersection. It's best when all road users, pedestrians, cyclists and drivers, know the rules of the road and behave accordingly.

Why are flashing amber lights at crosswalks aimed at drivers?

The flashing amber lights alert drivers that a pedestrian wants to cross, but the lights can't guarantee that a vehicle will stop. To determine when it's safe to cross the road, the pedestrian should ensure that all approaching drivers see the pedestrian and are prepared to stop.

It's always important for drivers and pedestrians to proceed with caution.



Above: Flashing amber light crosswalk on Highway 19A
Bottom left: Start to cross when the walk symbol is lit

TIPS FOR SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

- Do not leave the curb until you are certain approaching vehicles have stopped or will stop.
- Watch for turning vehicles.
- To protect children, make it a habit to hold their hand while crossing the street until they are old enough to understand safety rules.
- Do not start to cross if the traffic signal is flashing a warning (for example, an orange hand).
- Use crosswalks. Don't jaywalk.
- Always activate a pedestrian crossing signal if there is one available.

Why do some crosswalks offer more pedestrian control than others?

There are different levels of pedestrian crossing protection according to pedestrian demand and vehicle volumes. From highest to lowest, they are:

Full traffic signal: This is the highest level of pedestrian protection, and is accompanied by standard red/amber/green indications for vehicles, and walk/don't-walk indications for pedestrians. Pedestrians should start to cross only when the walk symbol is lit, and should finish crossing when the flashing don't-walk symbol is lit.

Pedestrian traffic signal: Similar to the full traffic signal, vehicles have red/amber/green indications on the main street, and a stop sign on the minor street. Pedestrians should push the signal button, then cross when the walk symbol is lit.

Flashing amber light crosswalk: Pedestrians should push the signal button, then cross with caution, after ensuring that approaching drivers have seen and have stopped for the pedestrian. The same rules of the road apply at flashing amber light crosswalks as at regular crosswalks.

Regular crosswalk: Pedestrians should attempt to make eye contact with approaching drivers, and cross the road once all vehicles have stopped.

Intersections without pedestrian control: Legally, while pedestrians have the right of way at these unmarked crosswalks, pedestrians should be very cautious about crossing an intersection without any form of pedestrian control.