



TRAFFIC LIGHT SAFETY GUIDE

MARYLAND DRIVERS

WHAT TO DO WHEN TRAFFIC LIGHTS AREN'T WORKING

- **Non-Functioning Traffic Control Signal:**

The law in Maryland requires drivers approaching a non-functioning traffic control signal to stop at a clearly marked stop line, before entering any crosswalk, or before entering the intersection.

- **Yielding at the Intersection:**

Drivers must yield to any vehicle or pedestrian in the intersection and remain stopped until it is safe to continue through the intersection.

- **Two Vehicles Arriving at the Same Time:**

If two vehicles approach an intersection without a traffic control device or with a non-functioning traffic control signal from

different roadways at the same time, the driver on the left must yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the immediate right.

- **Flashing Red and Yellow Signals:**

Flashing red and yellow lights on a traffic control signal do not mean the light is 'non-functioning'.

- **How to Respond to Flashing Lights:**

Drivers approaching a red flashing light must stop and can only proceed when the intersection is clear, and drivers approaching a yellow flashing light should slow down and use caution but can proceed through the intersection without stopping.