

Effective October 1, 2012, a driver approaching a non-functioning traffic control signal from any direction at an intersection MUST:

STOP AT A CLEARLY MARKED STOP LINE, BEFORE ENTERING ANY CROSSWALK, OR BEFORE ENTERING THE INTERSECTION.

After stopping, the driver **MUST:**

YIELD TO ANY VEHICLE OR PEDESTRIAN IN THE INTERSECTION AND REMAIN STOPPED UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO ENTER AND CONTINUE THROUGH THE INTERSECTION.

Violations of this law carry a fine of \$90 and two points if the offense does not contribute to an accident. If the violation contributes to a crash, the fine is \$130 and three points.

**Remember – If a traffic light is out:
STOP, YIELD, PROCEED WITH CAUTION**

Beginning October 1, 2012, a driver approaching a non-functioning traffic control signal **from any direction** at an intersection shall stop:

- at a clearly marked stop line;
- before entering any crosswalk; or
- before entering the intersection.

After stopping, the driver must:

- yield to any vehicle or pedestrian in the intersection; and
- remain stopped until it is safe to enter and continue through the intersection.

Intersection traffic control signals, most commonly called 'red lights,' or 'stop lights,' direct the safe and orderly flow of traffic in and through thousands of intersections across Maryland. Most are powered by electricity that can be interrupted because of storms, traffic crashes, or other incidents that cause power outages. Just because a traffic control signal is not functioning at an intersection does not mean drivers are relieved of their duty to exercise care and caution. The new law makes clear the procedures each driver must now follow.

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