

South Carolina Department of Transportation
Traffic Engineering Guidelines

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SUBJECT: “Deaf Child” or “Blind Child” Signs

BACKGROUND: Supplemental Plaques for “Deaf Child” and “Blind Child” are sometimes requested to be installed under Pedestrian Crossing warning signs. The MUTCD allows the use of these supplemental plaques but gives no guidelines for their use. This guideline has been developed to establish a consistent and uniform method for determining when to use these plaques. These signs are not intended as a guarantee of safety and they are not a substitute for supervision of the child.

GUIDELINE: When requested to install one of these plaques, the engineer should use the following criteria to determine when the signs should be installed:

1. The child must be less than 12 years old.
2. The signs will be removed when the child reaches age 12 or if the child’s family moves.
3. The signs will be installed near the child’s home on the residential street that the home faces.
4. Signs will not be installed on arterial or major collector streets.
5. The signs will consist of a Pedestrian Advance Crossing (W11-2-30) sign with a plate underneath the sign, indicating Deaf Child or Blind Child.
6. The parent requesting the signs must provide the child’s birth date and proof of disability from the doctor.
7. The parent requesting these signs should be advised in writing of the requirement for sign removal noted above and the fact that these signs are no guarantee of safety and no substitute for the supervision of the child.

Approved: 
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