

Chapter Hy 18

YIELD SIGNS

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History: Chapter Hy 18 as it existed on August 31, 1962 was repealed and a new chapter Hy 18 was created effective September 1, 1962.

Hy 18.01 General. (1) **AUTHORITY FOR RULES.** Pursuant to section 349.08(1), Wis. Stats., the commission prescribes these rules relating to the design, installation and use of Yield signs.

(2) **PERMISSIVE INTERIM STANDARDS.** Yield signs which comply with Chapter Hy 18 as published in the Wisconsin Administrative Register for January, 1960, may be used before October 1, 1970, but after September 30, 1970, all Yield signs and their installation and use shall comply with these rules.

(3) **MINOR VARIATIONS IN SIGN DESIGN.** Yield signs shall conform to the detailed design specifications given in these rules. Minor variations in the size, stroke and shape of letters, the width of border, and the size of signs are permitted.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; am. (2), Register, April, 1967, No. 136, eff. 5-1-67; am. (2), Register, September, 1970, No. 177, eff. 10-1-70.

Hy 18.02 Design of standard Yield sign. (1) **SHAPE.** A Yield sign shall be an equilateral triangle with one point downward. No official traffic sign, except a Yield sign, shall be an equilateral triangle in shape.

(2) **SIZE.** The standard and minimum size of a Yield sign shall be 36 inches on each side of the equilateral triangle. The corners of the sign shall be rounded with a radius of 1½ inches.

(3) **WORDING.** The wording shall be "Yield" in rounded letters with a height of 6 inches and stroke of 1 inch on the standard size sign.

(4) **COLOR OF BACKGROUND AND LETTERING.** The color of the background of the Yield sign shall be highway yellow and the letters and border shall be black.

(5) **REFLECTORIZATION.** All Yield signs shall have a reflectorized background. To meet the requirements of this paragraph, the reflecting material shall be specifically designed for and capable of redirecting light falling on the sign from a motor vehicle's headlights back to the driver of the vehicle, and such reflectivity shall be considerably greater than that of a surface covered with conventional paint or enamel of the same color.

(6) **BORDER.** Thirty-six-inch Yield signs shall have a black border from ¾ to ¾ of an inch in width, placed approximately the width of the border from the edge of the sign.

(7) **SIGNS LARGER THAN STANDARD.** When signs larger than the standard sign are used, the letters, border, margin and radius of corner rounding shall be increased in proportion to the enlargement of the sign board.

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Hy 18.03 Installation of Yield signs. (1) MOUNTING. Yield signs shall be erected on a suitable standard or support adequate to maintain the sign at the required height, location and position. Yield signs shall be placed on separate posts rather than on posts with other types of signs except where a separate post is not practicable.

(2) **HEIGHT.** Yield signs shall be erected so that the bottom of the sign is not less than 7 feet nor more than 9 feet above the centerline grade of the roadway where parked cars might obscure the sign. Where parking is unlikely to occur and the lower mounting height would not be a hazard to pedestrians, Yield signs may be erected so that the bottom of the sign is not less than 5 feet above the centerline grade of the roadway.

(3) **LOCATION.** (a) At least one of the Yield signs on each approach to an intersection shall be erected at the point where a vehicle is to yield or as near thereto as practical. It shall be erected on the right-hand side of the street facing the traffic it is intended to control, and as nearly as practical at right angles to the centerline of the street. On multi-lane one-way streets, one Yield sign shall be placed on the near-right side, and one on the near-left side of the approach.

(b) Yield signs shall be placed approximately 4 feet on advance of the crosswalk in the direction of approaching traffic. In curbed roadway sections, the left edge of the sign shall be as close to the curb as is practical (approximately one foot), but not more than 3 feet from the face of the curb. Where there is no curb, signs shall be not less than 6 feet nor more than 12 feet from the edge of the roadway.

(c) Where possible, Yield signs shall be so located that their visibility will be unobstructed for at least 250 feet when viewed from a driver's position in the outer traffic lane.

(d) Where the visibility of a Yield sign may be impaired by stopped buses or other large vehicles, or where the sign must be placed where it will not be visible for at least 250 feet, an auxiliary Yield sign shall be erected in either the far-left or near-left position at the standard height and location with respect to distance from both roadways.

(4) **INSTALLATION UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS.** (a) All of the foregoing regulations with respect to the height and location of Yield signs are for normal conditions, and shall be applicable wherever possible. In special cases, where exact conformance to these regulations would not result in the best installation, the signs shall be erected where they will best serve the purpose for which they are intended.

(b) Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to prohibit the use of more than one Yield sign on each approach to an intersecting highway, provided that all signs are of standard design and one is erected in conformity to these regulations.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62.

Hy 18.04 Use of Yield signs. (1) Yield signs may be installed by the governing body of a city or village at the intersections of 2 or more city or village streets, none of which (a) carries the marked route of a state trunk highway, (b) is maintained by the county, or (c) is a part of a through highway.

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