

Chapter Hy 18

"YIELD RIGHT OF WAY" SIGNS

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**Hy 18.01 Authority for regulations.** Pursuant to section 349.08 (1), Wis. Stats., the commission prescribes these regulations relating to the design, installation, and use of "Yield Right of Way" signs, hereinafter designated as "Yield" signs.

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**Hy 18.02 Design of standard Yield sign.** (1) **SHAPE.** The standard Yield sign shall be an equilateral triangle with one point downward.

(2) **SIZE.** The minimum size of a Yield sign shall be 30 inches on each side of the equilateral triangle. The corners of the sign may be rounded with a radius of not more than 2 inches.

(3) **WORDING.** The wording on a Yield sign shall be "Yield Right of Way" in rounded letters having the following dimensions for the minimum size of sign:

Word	Height	Stroke
Yield -----	6 inches	1 inch
Right -----	2½ inches	⅞ inch
Way -----	2½ inches	⅞ inch
Of -----	1½ inches	¾ inch

(4) **COLOR OF BACKGROUND AND LETTERING.** The color of the background of the Yield sign shall be federal 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 a conventional paint or enamel of the same color.

(6) **BORDER.** Thirty-inch Yield signs shall have a black border from ⅜ to ⅝ of an inch in width, placed approximately the width of the border from the edge of the sign. On signs larger than the minimum, the radius of corner rounding, width of border and spacing from edge of sign shall be increased proportionately.

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**Hy 18.03 Installation of Yield signs.** 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.

(1) **CITY AND VILLAGE STREETS.** (a) *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.

(b) *Location.* 1. Yield signs shall be erected at the point where the vehicle is to yield or as near thereto as possible. They shall be erected on the right-hand side of two-way streets and single lane one-way streets facing traffic they are 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.

2. Yield signs shall be placed approximately 3 feet in 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 curb. Where there is no curb, signs shall be as close to the edge of the traveled way as practical.

3. At any intersection where Yield signs have been installed pursuant to section 349.08, Wis. Stats., at least one Yield sign shall be so located that its visibility will be unobstructed for at least 250 feet when viewed from a driver's position in the traffic lane from which visibility of the sign would be least.

4. Where the visibility of a Yield sign placed in the standard location described in sections 1 and 2, above, might 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 additional Yield sign shall be erected in either the near-left or far-left position at the standard height and location with respect to distance from both roadways.

(2) **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.

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**Hy 18.04 Use of Yield signs.** (1) Yield signs may be installed only within cities or villages at intersections of 2 or more city or village streets, none of which (a) carries the marked route of a state trunk

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highway, (b) is maintained by the county, or (c) is a part of a through highway.

(2) Subject to section (1), Yield signs may be installed at intersections where deemed warranted on the basis of a traffic study in which such factors as accident experience, sight restrictions and traffic volume are considered.

(3) Yield signs shall not be installed on one of 2 intersecting streets at an intersection at which Stop signs have been installed on the other intersecting street, nor shall Yield signs be installed where the statutes require that a stop be made.

(4) Yield signs shall not be installed on all approaches to an intersection to create an "all-way" yield regulation, nor shall 2 or more intersecting vehicular movements be controlled by the installation of Yield signs for all such movements.

(5) Yield signs may be installed on a street crossing a divided street at the point where the street intersects the second (or far) roadway of the divided street, provided that the median is not less than 20 feet in width.

(6) Yield signs may be installed on separated right-turn lanes designed to permit right-turning vehicles to merge with through traffic without stopping.

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