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How **DRIVERS** should respond to a Rapid Flash Beacon:

Look for flashing beacons at specific locations indicating the presence of pedestrians.

Respond when you see the flashing LED yellow lights by looking for pedestrians and bicyclists and preparing to stop

Stop behind the bold white pavement marking in advance of the crossing and remain stopped until all pedestrians have cleared the motor lane and the adjacent lane (ORS 811.028).

Proceed with caution after the pedestrians have cleared the crossing.

Every intersection is a legal crosswalk whether marked or unmarked.

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How **PEDESTRIANS** should use a Rapid Flash Beacon:

Push the pedestrian button to activate the Rapid Flash Beacons (RFB).

Look to make sure cars have stopped before you cross the street and continue to be aware of traffic while crossing.

Cross. If there is a median island, check again that cars have stopped before you continue. Be aware of traffic. If the cars in the lanes you are approaching are not stopped, press the button again and make sure cars are stopped before walking across the second half of the street.

Pedestrian crossing safety tips:

- **Be responsible–look before crossing and continue to look while you cross.**
- **Be seen/eye contact–make yourself visible and make eye contact with drivers.**
- **Cross legally.**

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