

Respect the Red Light!

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Turning Right on Red

VA Code §46.2-835

Motorists may turn right on red, when turning will not disrupt the natural flow of traffic. All motorists and bicyclists must treat a red

light as a stop sign; stopping and pausing to observe the roadway and survey approaching traffic before making a right turn on red.



“Stopping for a few seconds may save a life!”

- Motorists must yield the right of way to pedestrians who are crossing the road.
- Right turns on red are permitted, after coming to a full stop, UNLESS a sign is posted prohibiting a right turn on red.
- Exceptions are portable stop signs and/or Law Enforcement Officers or other individuals with the authority to direct traffic. In which case, follow the signal provided by the individual directing traffic.



Disregarding a traffic Signal

VA Code §46.2-833

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All steady and flashing red lights must be treated as a stop sign. A steady red light indicates that a driver must remain stopped UNLESS a green arrow indicates a legal left or right turn. Even with a green arrow, drivers should observe oncoming traffic before making a legal left or right hand turn on a green arrow.

If the lights at an intersection are flashing red, treat it as a stop sign, if they are flashing yellow proceed with caution.

If the light at an intersection is out and not working, treat the light as an all-way stop and observe the “right” of way rule for proceeding through the intersection.