

WHEN'S THE RIGHT TIME TO YIELD?

Sometimes, even when you have the right-of-way, it's good to yield it to others.

YIELDING

A yield sign indicates that a driver must prepare to stop if necessary to let a driver on another approach proceed. A driver who stops has yielded the right of way to the other driver. Although the yield sign is indicating an action, the sign also calls for you to make a decision using your good judgment.

Think of a yield sign in this way: a yield sign is a stop sign with a built in convenience factor — when conditions are right you may proceed (after slowing down) almost as if it wasn't there. Now, let's consider the yield sign in terms of the other driver. Does he know exactly what it means? Don't count on it. Protect yourself and drive defensively.

YIELD SIGNS ARE POSTED AT INTERSECTIONS AND AT HIGHWAY ENTRANCE RAMP. WHEN YOU SEE ONE:

- ▶ Slow down. Laws on exact speeds may differ by state or locality, but you should slow down to 20 mph or less as you approach a yield sign.
- ▶ Yield the right of way. Cross traffic, both right and left, has the right of way as do pedestrians. If there is traffic and you cannot proceed safely, you must come to a stop. Wait for a safe interval in traffic before proceeding.

“AFTER YOU” — YIELD IF THERE'S THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT ABOUT RIGHT OF WAY.

