

Where to find more on Maryland Standards

The Maryland Manual

The Maryland Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MdMUTCD) is the major component of the manual and specifications for traffic control devices used throughout Maryland. It is the combined document of the national set of traffic control device standards and guidance promulgated by FHWA and Maryland Standard practices. The Manual defines the standards used by road managers statewide to install and maintain traffic control devices on all public streets, highways, bikeways, and private roads open to public traffic.

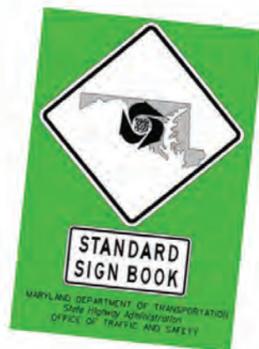
The MdMUTCD is available online from the Maryland State Highway Administration (MDSHA) at <http://www.roads.maryland.gov>

Professional Assistance

While SHA engineers will be pleased to respond to your questions, your traffic control needs may best be provided by a professional traffic engineering firm, a listing of which may be obtained from the SHA District Offices.

Maryland Standard Sign Book

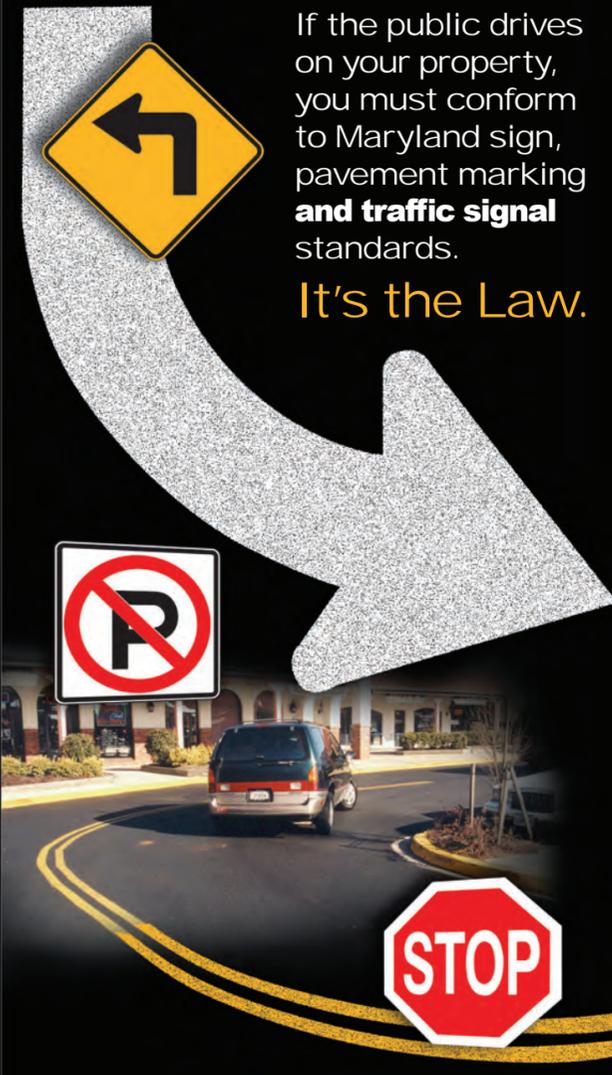
The SHA also publishes a Standard Sign Book to assist you with correct signage placement, colors and shapes. Available online at <http://www.roads.maryland.gov>



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Provide Safety for Your Visitors/Customers



If the public drives on your property, you must conform to Maryland sign, pavement marking and traffic signal standards.

It's the Law.

Uniform Traffic Control Devices improve safety, reduce liability

It's the law. Maryland law requires private property owners and managers to use Uniform Traffic Control Devices on properties used by the public. This includes, but is not limited to:

- college campuses
- office parks
- medical centers
- shopping centers
- housing projects
- government facilities

All signs, signals, and pavement markings must be the same as you would see on a public roadway because they are instantly recognized and understood by drivers, pedestrians and bicycle riders.

It improves vehicular and pedestrian safety.

According to National Safety Council statistics, substantial traffic accident fatalities occur on private roadways. Uniform Traffic Control Devices reduce the risk of missed directions and accidents.

It reduces the risk of being sued.

Compliance with these laws reduces the property owner's risk of being sued for damages should an accident occur.



It cost less to do it right the first time!

There's no need to spend a lot of extra time and money. If you have scheduled new marking and signing for your property, these guidelines will help you to apply them correctly. Re-evaluate your property now to ensure compliance.

Maryland Law

In 1998, Maryland adopted two new sections in the Maryland Vehicle Law:

25-104.1 Restrictions on sale of traffic control devices

A person may not sell or offer for sale any sign, signal, marking, or other device intended to regulate, warn or guide traffic unless it conforms with the State manual and specifications adopted pursuant to §25-104 of this subtitle. (1998, ch. 360.)

25-106.1 Restrictions on placement of traffic control devices

A person may not install or maintain, in any area of private property used by the public, any sign, signal, marking, or other device intended to regulate, warn, or guide traffic unless it conforms with the State manual and specifications adopted pursuant to §25-104 of this subtitle. (1998, ch. 360.)

Uniform Traffic Control Devices

In Maryland

There are many types of signs and pavement markings used on roadways and in parking lots. The following are the most frequently used:

Signs

Sign sizes, placement, colors and shapes are outlined in the Maryland Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the Maryland Standard Sign Book (see "Where to find more on Maryland Standards" section).



Keep Right



One Way



No Parking



Do Not Enter



Left Turn



Stop Ahead



Stop



Yield

Pavement Markings

Correct pavement markings, which guide traffic flow, can be found in the Maryland Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (see "Where to find more on Maryland Standards" section).



LANE LINE

Lane lines between traffic lanes in the same direction must be white.



ARROWS

Arrows on the pavement must be white. Turn arrows may require signage.



STOP LINE

Stop line and crosswalk must be white.



CROSSWALK

Crosswalks must be white.



PARKING SPACE

Parking space striping must be white.



YIELD LINE

Yield line must be white.



CENTER LINE

Center line between traffic in opposing directions must be yellow.



HANDICAP SPACES

Handicap space symbols must be white, may have a blue background.

Maryland State Highway Administration District Offices

For more information or clarification on signs, pavement markings, and traffic signals, contact your local SHA District Office:

District One
Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties
410-677-4000
800-825-4742

District Two
Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties
410-778-3061
800-637-9740

District Three
Montgomery and Prince George's Counties
301-513-7300
800-749-0737

District Four
Baltimore and Harford Counties
410-229-2300
866-998-0367

District Five
Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties
410-841-5450
800-331-5603

District Six
Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties
301-729-8400
800-760-7138

District Seven
Carroll, Frederick, and Howard Counties
301-624-8100
800-635-5119