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# Guidelines and Procedures for:

## Deaf Child Area Signs





## PROCEDURES FOR DEAF CHILD AREA SIGNS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

### Deaf Child Advance Warning Sign

The City of Lewisville receives requests to install signs warning drivers of the possible presence of deaf and/or otherwise disabled children.

Warning signs are used when it is deemed necessary to warn drivers of existing or potentially hazardous conditions on or adjacent to a street or highway. The Texas Manual on Uniform Control Devices (TMUTCD) provides guidelines and criteria for the installation of traffic control devices, including warning signs. The TMUTCD does not establish any criteria for the installation of a warning sign about a deaf child. Therefore, the procedures listed herein shall constitute the basis upon which requests for the installation of this sign will be approved.

### Purpose of *Deaf Child Area* warning sign

Deaf Child Area warning signs serve to alert drivers to the possibility of a deaf child playing in the area. This sign is important because deaf children cannot hear and approaching passenger car, school bus, or truck.



## The Most Common Types of Situations Threatening to Children

Children may be divided into several age groups that have related types of crashes:

- Preschool children
- Elementary school children in kindergarten through grade 3
- Elementary school children in grades 4 through 6

Preschool children can at times dart out into the middle of the block chasing a ball or a friend without noticing a moving car. Drivers sometimes do not see preschoolers and back up in a driveway and strike a child on a sidewalk within that driveway.

Elementary school children ages 5 to 9 (kindergarten through grade 3) may be going to or from an ice cream truck or a stopped school bus and may be confronted with another moving vehicle. More than half of all fatalities and injuries occurring to children in kindergarten through grade 3 involve darting out between vehicles on residential streets.

Children in grades 4 through 6 are also susceptible to the dart out danger, the going to or from a school bus danger, but also crossing in front of a turning vehicle, dashing across an intersection (walking or on a bicycle), and even crossing a multilane roadway.

### Providing for a Safe Environment

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### City Procedure for Deaf Child Area Signs

The City of Lewisville is very concerned about child safety. A resident living within the City Limits of Lewisville who wishes to have a Deaf Child Area warning sign installed must submit a written request to the Traffic Engineer. The written request shall contain a statement to the effect that the child is under eighteen (18) years of age and shall be signed and dated by a parent. The requestor shall renew the request every two years in a written form to the Traffic Engineer. The address that the request is to be sent is:

Traffic Engineer, City of Lewisville  
Department of Community Development  
1197 West Main  
Lewisville, TX. 75029

When a sign is approved, the following guidelines apply:

- The Deaf Child Area sign shall be placed in accordance with the guidelines in the TMUTCD,
- The sign placement will be reviewed every two years to insure that the criteria stated above still applies,
- The sign(s) will be removed when the child becomes eighteen years old.
- The requestor of the sign shall be responsible for notifying the Cit Traffic Engineer if the child is no longer living at the address for which the signs were placed.

### Addressing Citizen Concerns

We take our role in solving traffic problems seriously, yet the ultimate burden of safety rests on the citizens of Lewisville. Since we receive over 350 citizen requests per year, we appreciate your patience and understanding in processing your request. If you have questions or suggestions concerning traffic, please call the City Traffic Engineer at (972) 219-3699.