

Traffic Signs and Markings FAQs

Q1. We have a lot of children in our neighborhood or on our street, how do we get a “children at play” sign?

Answer:

The MUTCD establishes what signs can and cannot be installed on a public roadway. The “Children at Play” sign is not an approved sign. The main reason being that the sign has no clear meaning. By posting the sign, we have implied that it is now safer for children to play in the street but, in fact, nothing has been done to make it safe to play in the street. It provides a false sense of security for the parents.

The secondary reason is that it would have no effect on traffic speeds. If this were an approved sign, it would be installed on almost every street in Gainesville, which would mean that no street is any different than the next and it becomes an ignored sign.

The City installs playground signs when a public playground is adjacent to a public street. This sign provides a clear meaning; a motorist should expect to see a congregation of children at a public playground.

Q2. Can I have another Stop Sign to slow down traffic in my neighborhood?

Answer:

Stop signs are designed to be used for right-of-way assignment, not speed control. If you feel you have speeding problems in your neighborhood, [click here to visit the Residential Traffic Calming Program page](#).

Q3. How do we get a speed limit sign in our neighborhood?

Answer: Florida Statutes establish speed limits on residential roadways at 30 MPH. The City can establish a neighborhood speed limit of 25 MPH if conditions warrant such action. Speed limits posted below 25 MPH are reserved for elementary and middle school speed zones and roadways with sub-standard design conditions.

The policy of the Public Works Department is to install one speed limit sign at each entrance of a neighborhood. Signs interior to the neighborhood are only installed if the speed limit changes from that posted at the entrance.