

WHAT DOES A DRIVER DO WHEN APPROACHING A MALFUNCTIONING TRAFFIC SIGNAL?

Florida Statutes, Section 316.1235, states: “The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection in which the traffic lights are inoperative shall stop in the manner indicated in s. 316.123(2) for approaching a stop intersection.” This condition of inoperative traffic lights causes the intersection to be treated as an “all-way” stop.

Florida Statutes, Section 316.123(2)(a) states:

(2)(a) “Except when directed to proceed by a police officer or traffic control signal, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop intersection indicated by a STOP sign shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection. After having stopped, the driver shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle which has entered the intersection from another highway or which is approaching so closely on said highway as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when the driver is moving across or within the intersection.”

Florida Statutes, Section 316.123(2)(b) states:

(b) “At a four-way stop intersection, the driver of the first vehicle to stop at the intersection shall be the first to proceed. If two or more vehicles reach the four-way stop intersection at the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right.”

Report the traffic signal malfunction to police as soon as possible.

