

COMMUNITYNEWS

ASK A TROOPER

Motorcycles and intersections

Q: What is the rule for drivers of motorcycles for making left or right turns at intersections? Sometimes they are not heavy enough to trip the signal lights. Someone told me that they could make a left or right turn at a red light if it is safe to do so, after the signal light has cycled once.

A: Minnesota law addresses when motorcycles, bicycles and mopeds are not detected by control systems at traffic lights, and a signal change does not occur. The law gives motorcyclists, bicyclists and moped riders the option to proceed through the intersection after a reasonable amount of time, and provides an affirmative legal defense to this action. These five conditions must be met to proceed:

- The motorcycle, bicycle or moped has been brought to a complete stop.
- The traffic-control signal continues to show a red light for an unreasonable time.
- The traffic-control signal is apparently malfunctioning or, if programmed to change to a green light only after detecting the approach of a motor vehicle, the signal has apparently failed to detect the motorcycle, bicycle or moped.
- No vehicle or person



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is approaching on the roadway to be crossed or entered, or

- Approaching vehicles or persons are so far away that they do not constitute an immediate hazard.

The affirmative defense applies only to an alleged violation for entering or crossing an intersection controlled by a traffic-control signal against a red light. It does not provide a defense to any other civil or criminal action.

A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Neil Dickenson, Minnesota State Patrol, 1131 Mesaba Ave., Duluth, MN 55811. (Follow on Twitter @MSPPIO_NE or reach at neil.dickenson@state.mn.us).

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Recycling curbside collection, 8 a.m., north of 11th Street and west of Highway 53 (includes Terrace Lane).
- Memorial Blood Center blood drive, 8-11:30 a.m., Forestland building, 1000 Fifth St.
- International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission, 9 a.m., Koochiching County Courthouse, Commissioners' Boardroom.
- Walk-ercise group, 10-11 a.m., Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Wednesday Study Group, 10:15 a.m., Faith United Church of Christ.
- Girl Guards, Sunbeams and Adventure Corps, 4:30-6 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Free At Last, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Forestland Annex, lower level conference room.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 5:30-8 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Men's Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., stuffed pork chops.
- Little Lambs (3 years to kindergarten) and King's Kids (1st-5th grades), Youth Group (6th grade-up), 6:30-7:30 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

THURSDAY

- Bone Builders, 10-11:30 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.

- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Storytime and Stay and Play, 10:30 a.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Weight Watchers, 4:45-5:15 p.m. weigh-in; 5:15 meeting, Zion Lutheran Church.
- Community Café, 5:30-6 p.m., baked beans and weenies, potato salad, fruit, dinner roll, Backus Community Center.
- Burgers on the Grill Supper, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- The Lamplighters, women's support group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- 2016 All Class Reunion planning gathering, 7 p.m., Elks Club.
- Line Dancing, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

FRIDAY

- Walk-ercise group, 10-11 a.m., Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Serenity Sisters, Women's A.A., noon, Backus, Rational Alternatives, Room 101.
- Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Friday Light Meal, 5:30 p.m., Reuben sandwiches.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- For Those in Need, Addiction Recovery, 7 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1340 Keenan Drive.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.

SATURDAY

- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Alano Club.

LOOKINGBACK

25 YEARS AGO

Muriel J. Leseman, an employee of the First American Bank of International Falls for 37 years, retired this week.

Falls native Billie Jo Wednchuk just completed another successful season for UMD's Lady Bulldog hockey team, which plays in Division B Women's Hockey.

40 YEARS AGO

A girl was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. George McKim.

A boy was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson.

Exemplary conduct and duty performance as an air traffic controller has earned Airman First Class James K. Hultman Outstanding Airman of the Quarter honors in his unit at Webb Air Force Base, Texas.

50 YEARS AGO

A boy, Kevin Lee, was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Boorman; weight, 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence DeGagne, Crozier, Ontario, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their foster daughter, Jean Winnifred Stinson, to Maurice Joseph Gosselin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sinai Gosselin of International Falls.

SP/4 Donald Donager, who is stationed in the U.S. Army

Recruiting Station in Minneapolis, spent the weekend in Littlefork with his wife and son and his parents.

Initiation ceremonies by the Order of Does for three members, Mrs. Terry Halvorson, Mrs. Keith McLean and Mrs. Will Sippl, were held in the Elks Hall at the regular meeting Monday.

60 YEARS AGO

Park Grocery, located on Sixth Street across from Sports Stadium, changed hands this week and will open Saturday morning under new ownership. The new owners are Mr. and Mrs. William Keeney, Loman Route, who announced today they bought the property from John Bartkowski, Falls businessman. The transaction involves sale of the store, the Park Cabin Court which consists of 11 cabins, and six houses.

JoAnn Iraci celebrated her 11th birthday by entertaining 18 friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbertson, 913 Seventh St., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara, to Earl Miller, son of Mrs. Herbert Tofte, 15th Street, 11th Avenue, and Chris Miller of Seattle, Wash.

Harriet Steen celebrated her eighth birthday this afternoon after school by entertaining ten of her classmates and neighborhood friends.

A son was born today at

Littlefork Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lehman, Littlefork; weight, 11 pounds, 11 ounces; name chosen, Loren Ernest.

70 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. John Vukelich, Fifth Avenue, are parents of a son born today at the Littlefork Hospital.

Lt. Stanley P. Hegg, of this city, suffered a broken leg Sunday in a parachute jump from a four-engined bomber disabled on a training flight from the Army air field at Great Bend, Kan. One man was killed in the mishap.

Earl Averill's home in Ericsburg was the scene of a party in honor of his 39th birthday. About 55 friends and relatives attended.

Ernest Lagerstrom, Mando finishing room, was the victim of a peculiar accident while riding the elevator. Lagerstrom's right foot caught between the building's floor and the elevator floor. The steel toe of his safety shoe was torn off, and Lagerstrom suffered a crushed big toe.

LOTTERY

Sunday's Daily 3 2, 0, 2	Friday's Mega Millions 17 24, 25, 29, 47, 67
Sunday's Northstar Cash 10, 13, 14, 16, 24	Mega Ball 4
Friday's Gopher 5 5, 9, 13, 21, 24	Saturday's Powerball 21, 33, 35, 38, 45
Saturday's Hot Lotto 8, 22, 24, 31, 43	Powerball 12
Hot Ball	

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

ALL CLASS REUNION PLANNING

The public is welcome to attend a planning meeting for the 2016 All Class Reunion at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Elks Club. All class contacts are encouraged to attend.

STORYTIME, STAY AND PLAY

Storytime and Stay and Play at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at International Falls Public Library will feature about 30 minutes of stories, rhymes and songs about gardening, followed by about 30 minutes of play with science skill building toys.

CORRECTION

An article submitted by Sue Natysin about Voyage Forward published on Saturday's Opinion page should have named a consulting firm as Newmark Grubb Knight Frank.

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