

## Fall 2006 Road Rules

*In each issue of the Township Newsletter, the West Goshen Police Traffic Safety Unit will provide information on sections of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code that may inform readers on the requirements of these sections and the penalties for violating these sections.*

Stopping at a red light and proceeding on green is one of the most basic principles of traffic safety, taught to children at an early age. Section 3112 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code details specific rules for vehicular and pedestrian traffic at intersections with signals.

In all cases, pedestrians legally crossing as indicated by a steady green light or a pedestrian signal have the right of way in a designated crosswalk over vehicular traffic. Vehicles turning onto a roadway must wait until pedestrians have crossed before proceeding.

Vehicles must stop at a red light at the designated white stripe, or, if such a stripe is not present, before entering the intersection. Drivers wishing to turn right on red may do so only after coming to a complete stop, and after ceding right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection. Drivers may turn left on red when on a one-way street and turning onto another one-way street. Again, these drivers must cede right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic on the street.

Pedestrians may only enter a signaled crosswalk during a green light, or when the pedestrian signal indicates it is safe to walk.

In locations with traffic signals other than intersections (such as a construction zone), drivers at a red light must stop at the spot indicated by a stripe on the road, a sign, or at the signal itself when a stripe or sign are not present.

If a traffic signal has a flashing yellow or green light, drivers may advance the intersection with caution. If a traffic signal is flashing red or is not lighted, drivers must stop in the same manner as a stop sign.