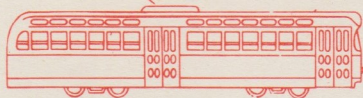


# Street cars & Safety zones



Illinois law prohibits you from overtaking or passing a street car on the LEFT side, whether the street car is moving or stopped, unless—

- you are directed to do so by a police officer;
- you are driving on a one-way street;
- you are driving on a street where the tracks are so located as to prevent compliance with the law.

Illinois law also demands that a driver must stop his vehicle to protect passengers boarding or alighting from street cars. Your motor vehicle must be stopped at least 10 feet to the rear of the street car and remain stopped until all passengers have boarded the car, or if alighting, have reached a place of safety.

*AT NO TIME MAY YOU DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE THROUGH OR WITHIN A SAFETY ZONE.*

Where a safety zone has been established you may pass a stopped street car, *but you must drive at a reasonable and proper speed and with due caution for the safety of pedestrians.*



## Hand Signals

Before you slow down, turn or change lanes, make certain that you can do so safely. Then, let other drivers and pedestrians know what your intentions are by giving the proper hand signal.

The hand signals illustrated are mandatory under Illinois law. The law also requires that such signals must be given at least 100 feet before making your turn, slowing down or stopping. If your motor vehicle is equipped with a signal device you need not use the hand signals. (*After July 1 1954, Illinois Law requires that every new automobile sold in this State must be equipped with such a signal device.*) However, even though you have a signal device on your motor vehicle, safe, courteous driving is better served when you also give the proper hand signal.

### **FALSE SIGNALS**

Many careless and thoughtless drivers often drive with their left hand and arm dangling out of the window, or with their left hand clutching the roof of the vehicle. *This is dangerous. Don't do it!* Oftentimes, drivers following or approaching them interpret these gestures as signals. You should keep both hands on the steering wheel at all times, except when giving a true hand signal or preparing to make a turn.