

## Watch For Children Sign Program

The Watch for Children Sign Program is prescribed in § [33.1-210.2](#) of the Code of Virginia and provides that a county or town may by resolution request that VDOT install and maintain signs alerting motorists that children may be at play nearby.

These signs are generally placed on secondary routes within residential areas.

The code section stipulates that the county or town formally submit a resolution to the Transportation Commissioner that identifies the proposed location(s) for the signs. The resolution should be directed through the VDOT Resident Engineer and should identify the source of funds.

The code section further requires that the Transportation Commissioner respond in writing within 30 days of receipt of a request granting or denying approval. VDOT's response will generally be through the VDOT resident engineer and, if the request is granted, will include any recommended changes to the signing plan proposed by the county or town.

VDOT will review the request to ensure the proposed signs will be effectively located and not in conflict with any other traffic control devices. VDOT reserves the right to make the final determination as to the exact number and location of signs.

All signs installed by VDOT under this policy shall be designed in accordance with VDOT standards.

The code section specifies that funding for the installation of signs can come from any of the following:

1. The secondary road system construction allocation.
2. From direct contributions or grants made for such purpose to the governing body.
3. From such other source as may be provided by the governing body.

The code section also states that the costs of maintaining such signs shall be paid out of the secondary road system maintenance allocation to the affected county.

For further information see [frequently asked questions](#).