

**North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Traffic Engineering and Safety Systems Branch**

**STANDARD PRACTICE
for
Deaf Child Area Signing**

It will be the standard practice of NCDOT, based on engineering judgement to install “Deaf Child Area” signs. Signs shall be located and erected according to the standards of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and the North Carolina Roadway Standards.

CRITERIA

- Receipt of a formal written request to the Division Engineer from a parent or legal guardian of the child with:
 - (a) A Doctor’s statement that the child is deaf or has a severe hearing impairment.
 - (b) The child’s date of birth.
- The child must be under 16 years old.
- The sign should be placed only on low volume, low speed streets in residential areas.
- The sign should be removed as soon as practicable after the child reaches his or her sixteenth birthday or upon the written request from the parent or legal guardian.
- Parent or legal guardian should notify the Division Engineer if their residence changes.
- Signs for “Deaf Child Area” signs shall conform to the attached approved NCDOT Standard.
- Signing request for city streets shall be the responsibility of the municipality.