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# Watch For Children Sign

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The Watch for Children Sign Program, enacted by the General Assembly in 1997 in § 33.1-210.2 of the *Code of Virginia* allows a county to request that VDOT install signs alerting motorists that children may be at play nearby. These signs are generally placed on secondary routes within residential areas.

The county formally submits a resolution to the VDOT Residency Administrator directed to the Transportation Commissioner that identifies the source of funds and proposed locations for the signs. VDOT will review the field location to ensure effectiveness.

Based on VDOT Traffic Engineering Division Memorandum TE-280, counties may request that VDOT install and maintain "Watch for Children" signs. The following process was established for handling all such requests.

Funding for the installation of signs can come from any of the following:

1. Out of 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.

In all cases the costs of maintaining such signs are paid out of the secondary road system maintenance allocation.

The VDOT District Administrator has approval authority for this signage on secondary roads and the VDOT State Traffic Engineer on primary routes.

All signs installed by VDOT under this policy will be designed in accordance with the latest version of Traffic Engineering Division Memorandum TE-280.