

71.30 FUNERAL PROCESSIONS

(A) A vehicle in a funeral procession has the right-of-way at an intersection and may proceed through the intersection if the procession is led by an escort vehicle displaying flashing yellow, red, or blue lights, except:

- (1) When the right-of-way is required by an emergency vehicle as defined by **KRS 189.90**;
- (2) When vehicles in the procession are directed otherwise by a police or safety officer; or
- (3) When the vehicle is a train or locomotive

(B) Before assuming the right-of-way, a person who drives a vehicle in a funeral procession shall exercise due caution with regard to crossing traffic

(C) A person who drives a vehicle that is not part of a funeral procession shall not drive the vehicle between the vehicles of the funeral procession or otherwise interfere with the progress of the procession, except when:

- (1) The person is authorized to do so by a police or safety officer; or
- (2) The vehicle is an emergency vehicle as defined by **KRS 189.910**

(D) A person who drives a vehicle that is not part of a funeral procession shall not illuminate the vehicle headlights or engage in any other act for the purpose of securing the right-of-way granted to funeral processions

(E) The escort vehicle, hearse, or other vehicles in a procession may be equipped with flashing yellow lights for the purpose of notifying the general public of the procession and gaining the right-of-way at intersections, or signaling the end of a procession.

(F) Persons authorized to use flashing lights as defined in **KRS 189.920** may use them while accompanying a funeral procession to warn traffic that a procession is approaching or that it is in progress

(G) When a funeral procession is in progress, a person driving a vehicle not in the procession shall not pass or overtake any vehicle in the procession unless:

- (1) The person is directed to do so by a police or safety officer;
- (2) The procession is on a street, road, or highway outside the corporate limits of city, town, or urban-county; or
- (3) The procession is on an interstate highway or a state parkway (**KRS 189.378**)