

PENNINGTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SIGNING POLICY

“SLOW, CHILDREN AT PLAY” SIGNS
“WATCH FOR CHILDREN” SIGNS

The Pennington County Highway Department will not utilize these signs, because it is not recognized by the State of Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), the legal sign manual in the State. The reasons why these signs are not accepted by the MUTCD are:

1. These signs are unenforceable. Local law enforcement cannot write tickets based solely on these signs, unless motorists are exceeding the posted speed limit.
2. Motorists should be aware that children might be playing near all highways. To sign specific highways would imply that those highways without signs have no children nearby. If one highway is signed, all highways should be signed, which would be impracticable.
3. These signs give parents and children a false sense of security.
4. There is no data to support that these signs effectively modify driver behavior.

NOTE: County Board Approved