If THLs are RED, STOP! THLs are RED when it is not safe to take off.

Remember: Lights indicate status only, never clearance!

Surveillance-driven lights turn on/off to increase situational awareness.

Pilot’s view of Takeoff Hold Lights (THL)

TAKEOFF HOLD LIGHTS (THL) ON 18L/36R DFW

THLs at full length and intersection departure positions as shown:
RELs and THLs turn on and off automatically, driven by multi-sensor surveillance. RELs turn on when it is unsafe to enter runway; THLs turn on when it is unsafe to depart from the runway. THLs are visible from takeoff hold position (and final approach); RELs are visible from taxi hold position.

If THLs or RELs are RED, STOP! THLs are RED when it is not safe to take off, and RELs are RED when it is unsafe to cross a runway. Remember: Lights indicate status only, never clearance!

RELs: Runway Entrance Lights
THLs: Takeoff Hold Lights

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