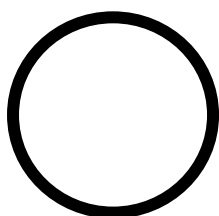


UNDERSTANDING OUR TRAFFIC SIGNS

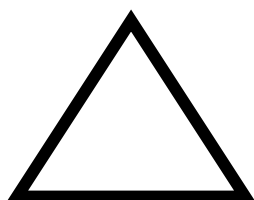
Safe driving implies having a good knowledge of traffic signs. Knowing your traffic signs is important as they give essential information to drivers and help to improve traffic flow and road safety. This simple guide has been worked out to help you better understand the traffic signing system with a view to enhancing road safety.

THE SIGNING SYSTEM

Traffic signs can be divided in three classes – those giving orders, those giving warnings and those that inform. Each type has a different shape.



Circles give orders

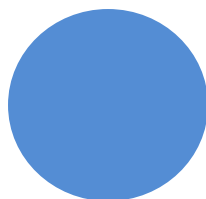


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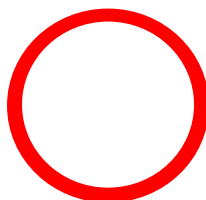


Rectangles inform

Within these shapes, different colours are used to sub-divide the basic classes.



Blue circles give positive instructions (Mandatory)



Red circles give negative instructions.(Prohibitory)



Blue rectangles give general information

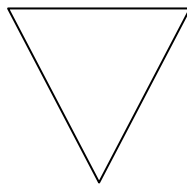


Green rectangles are used for direction signs on main roads.

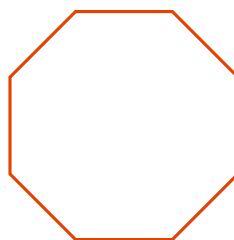
Exceptions

There are at least two exceptions to the above shapes and colour rules Those are the octagonal “STOP” sign and the “GIVE WAY” sign. Both signs give orders to either give way or stop to give way to traffic on the major road.

I. SIGNS GIVING ORDERS AT JUNCTIONS



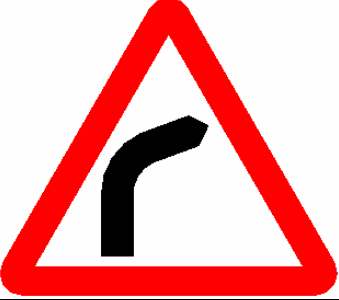



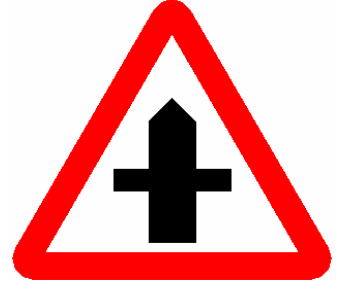




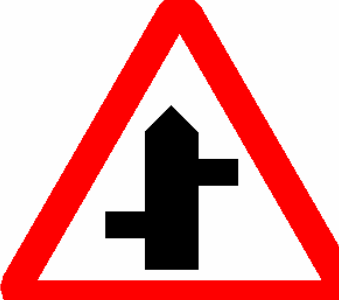


You must **give way** at the line to traffic on the major road


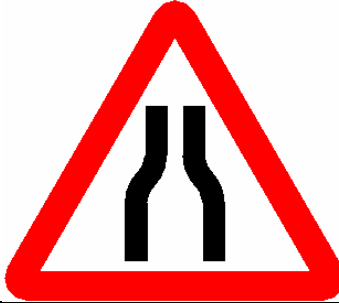

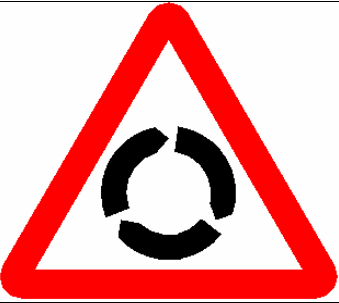
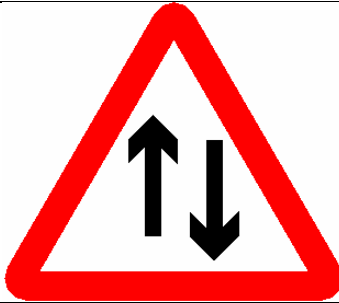
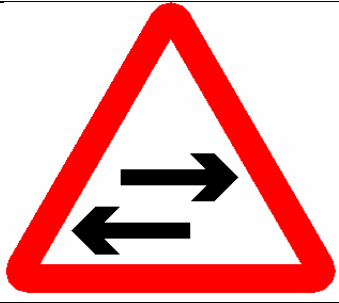
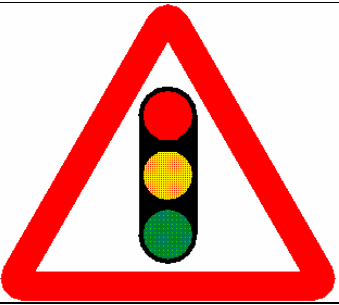
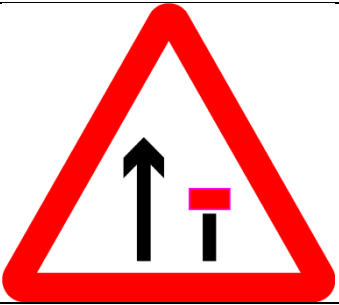






You must **stop** at the line and give way to traffic on the major road.



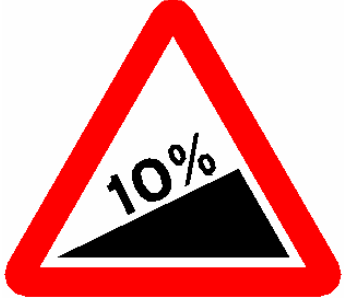

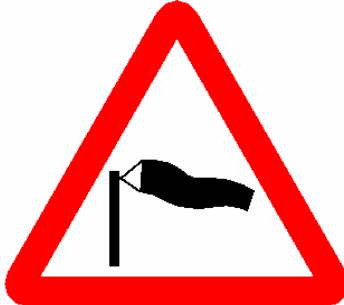


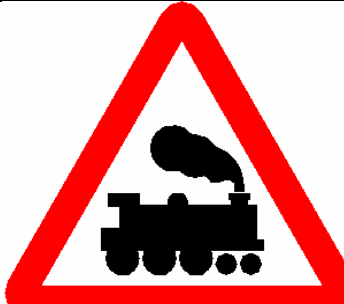

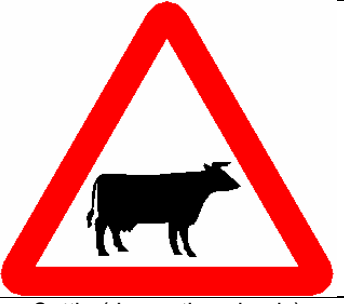


Traffic Signs according to the Traffic Signs Regulations 1990

Danger warning signs



		
Right bend <i>Virage à droite</i>	Left bend <i>Virage à gauche</i>	Double bend, first to left <i>Succession de virages dont le premier est à gauche</i>
		
Double bend, first to right <i>Succession de virages dont le premier est à droite</i>	Cross roads <i>Intersection</i>	Side road on the left <i>Route latérale à gauche</i>
		
Side road on the right <i>Route latérale à droite</i>	Oblique side road on the left <i>Route oblique à gauche</i>	Oblique side road on the right <i>Route oblique à droite</i>
		
Staggered junction <i>Succession de routes latérales, la première à gauche</i>	Pedestrian Crossing <i>Passage pour piétons</i>	Children <i>Sortie d'école</i>

		
Roadworks <i>Travaux</i>	Road narrows on both sides <i>Chaussée rétrécie</i>	Road narrows on right <i>Chaussée rétrécie par la droite</i>
		
Roundabout <i>Rond-point</i>	Two-way traffic <i>Circulation dans les deux sens</i>	Two-way traffic across a one-way road <i>Intersection avec une route dont la circulation est dans les deux sens</i>
		
Signal lights <i>Feux de signalisation</i>	Right-hand lane of a two-lane one-way road closed <i>Voie droite d'une route à sens unique fermée</i>	Falling rocks <i>Chutes de pierres</i>
		
Loose Gravels <i>Projection de gravillons</i>	Uneven Road <i>cassis ou dos d'âne</i>	Hump Bridge <i>Pont à dos d'âne</i>

Danger warning signs

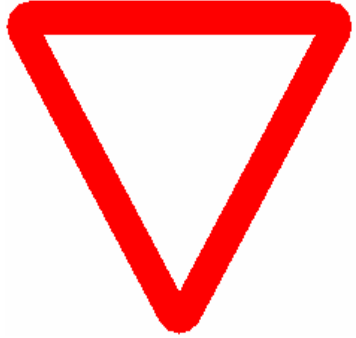

		
Slippery Road <i>Chaussée glissante</i>	Dangerous Descent <i>Pente au pourcentage indiqué sur le panneau</i>	Steep Ascent <i>Montée au pourcentage indiqué sur le panneau</i>
		
Cyclist entering or crossing <i>Débouché de cyclistes</i>	Cross-wind <i>Vent latéral</i>	Airfield <i>Traversée d'une aire aérienne</i>
		
Level crossing with gate or barrier <i>Passage à niveau avec barrière</i>	Level crossing without gate or barrier <i>Passage à niveau sans barrière</i>	Road leads on to Quay or river bank <i>Dedébouché sur un quai ou une berge</i>
		
Cattle (domestic animals) crossing <i>Passage d'animaux domestiques</i>	Wild animals crossing <i>Passage d'animaux sauvages</i>	Other dangers <i>Autres dangers</i>

Danger warning signs

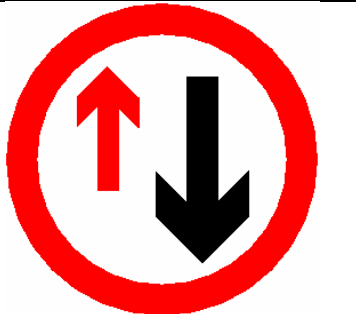
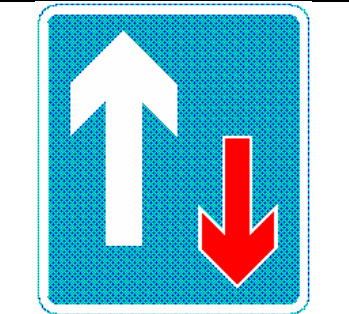
	
Hump	Sharp deviation of route
<i>Raletisseur de type dos d'âne</i>	<i>Déviation de la chaussée</i>

REGULATORY SIGNS


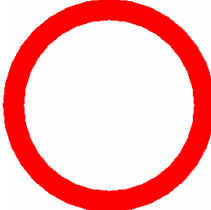










Signs regulating priority at intersections

	
"GIVE Way"	STOP
<i>Cédez le passage</i>	<i>Arrêt obligatoire</i>

Signs regulating priority on narrow sections of road





	
Sign indicating priority for oncoming traffic	Sign indicating priority over oncoming traffic
<i>Cédez le passage à la circulation venant en sens inverse</i>	<i>Priorité sur les véhicules venant en sens inverse</i>

Prohibitory signs

		
Prohibition and restriction of entry	Vehicular traffic prohibited in both directions	No entry for any power driven vehicle except two-wheeled motorcycles without side-car
<i>Sens interdits</i>	<i>Circulation interdite dans les deux sens</i>	<i>Accès interdit aux véhicules à moteur à l'exception des motocyclettes à deux roués sans side-car</i>
		
No entry for motor cycles	No entry for cycles	No entry for auto-cycles
<i>Accès Interdit aux motocyclettes</i>	<i>Accès interdit aux bicyclettes</i>	<i>Accès interdit aux cyclomoteurs</i>
		
No entry for goods vehicles	No entry for pedestrians	No entry for power-driven agricultural vehicles
<i>Accès interdit aux véhicules affectés au transport de marchandises</i>	<i>Accès interdit aux piétons</i>	<i>Accès interdit aux véhicules agricoles à moteur</i>
		
No entry for buses and coaches	No entry for vehicles more than 2 metres wide	No entry for vehicles having an overall height exceeding 3.5 metres
<i>Accès interdit aux véhicules de transport en commun</i>	<i>Limitation de largeur</i>	<i>Limitation de hauteur</i>

Prohibitory signs





Overtaking is prohibited only for Goods vehicles having a permissible Maximum weight exceeding 3.5 tons	Prohibition of passing without stopping	Speed limit
<i>Interdiction de dépasser pour les poids lourds (Poids total roulant supérieur à 3.5 tonnes)</i>	<i>Arret obligatoire</i>	<i>Limitation de vitesse</i>
Prohibition of audible Warning devices	Prohibition of passing without stopping	Prohibition of passing without stopping
<i>Signaux sonores interdits</i>	<i>Arret obligatoire</i>	<i>Arret obligatoire</i>
Prohibition of passing without stopping	End of prohibitions	Parking prohibited
<i>Arret obligatoire</i>	<i>Fin de toutes les interdictions</i>	<i>Stationnement interdit</i>
Parking and standing prohibited	Temporary closure of road-movable double sign	
<i>Arret et stationnement interdits</i>	<i>Piquets mobiles de réglementation manuelle de circulation</i>	
No entry for handcarts	No entry for vehicles having a weight exceeding 2 tons on one axle	No entry for vehicles or combinations of vehicles exceeding 10 metres in length
<i>Accès interdits aux charettes à bras</i>	<i>Limitation de poids par essieu</i>	<i>Limitation de longueur</i>

		
Prohibition of turning to the left <i>Interdiction de tourner à gauche à la prochaine intersection</i>	Prohibition of turning to the right <i>Interdiction de tourner à droite à la prochaine intersection</i>	Prohibition of U-turns <i>Interdiction de faire demi-tour</i>
		
Prohibition of overtaking <i>Interdiction de dépasser</i>		

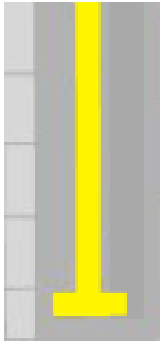
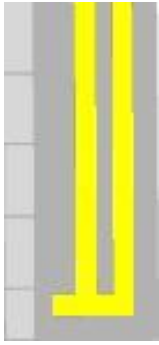



Advance Direction Signs



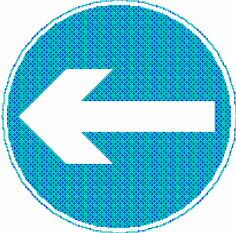
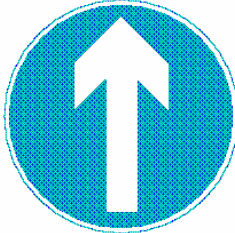
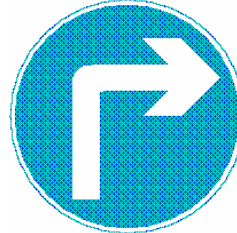

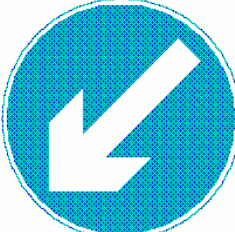
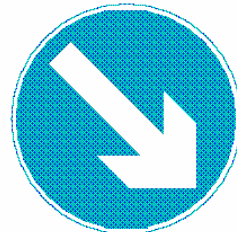
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Edge line	Centre line	Hazard warning line	Double line

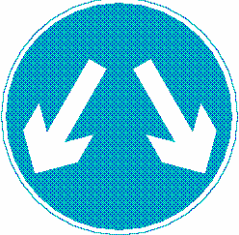
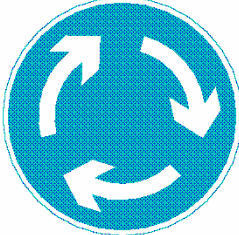
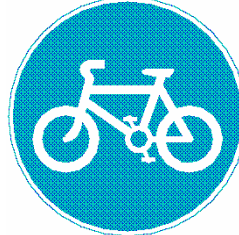


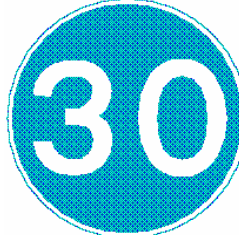

Parking and waiting restrictions

			
<p>Single Yellow Line</p>	<p>Double Yellow Line</p>	<p>Parking prohibited</p>	<p>Parking and standing prohibited</p>
			
<p>Yellow Box</p>			

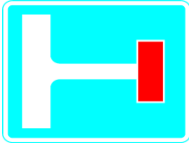


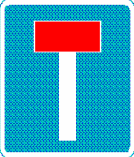











Mandatory signs

		
<p>Direction to follow <i>Direction obligatoire</i></p>		
		
<p>Direction to follow <i>Direction obligatoire</i></p>	<p>Pass this side (Keep left) <i>Contournement obligatoire par la gauche</i></p>	<p>Pass this side (Keep right) <i>Contournement obligatoire par la droite</i></p>

Mandatory signs

		
Pass either side <i>Direction obligatoire à gauche ou à droite</i>	Compulsory round-about <i>Sens giratoire obligatoire</i>	Compulsory route for bicycle <i>Obligation d'emprunter la piste (bande) cyclable</i>
		
Compulsory route for buses <i>Voie réservée aux autobus</i>	Compulsory footpath <i>Chemin obligatoire pour piétons</i>	Compulsory minimum speed <i>Vitesse minimale obligatoire</i>
		
End of compulsory minimum speed <i>Fin de vitesse minimale obligatoire</i>		

Information signs

		
Advance warning of no through road <i>Présignalisation d'une route sans issue</i>	Hospital Sign <i>Hôpital</i>	Pedestrian Crossing <i>Passage pour piétons</i>
		
No through road <i>Chemin sans issue</i>	Sign notifying an entry to a motorway <i>Début de section à statut autoroutier</i>	Sign notifying an exit from a motorway <i>Fin de section à statut autoroutier</i>
		
One way road sign <i>Circulation à sens unique</i>		
		
		
Hump <i>Dos d'âne</i>		Parking Zone <i>Zone de stationnement</i>