

Signals

Types of Signals

Indicators

Brake lights

Reversing lights

Hazard lights

Only use in an emergency

Flashing Headlights

Means “I am here”

If somebody flashes

Ensure any signal is meant for you

Check it is safe to go

Lights over speed humps

DO NOT flash instructions to other road users

DO NOT flash headlights aggressively

Hand signals

To other road users

If indicators stop working

Helpful to pedestrians on crossing

To people controlling traffic

Why we use signals

To inform other road users of our intentions

When we use signals

If it will benefit other road users

If it is not misleading

ALWAYS signal at junctions

Timing of Signals

Too early - other road users will ignore

Too late - other road users won't have time to react

Use earlier if going faster

300 yd marker on motorway/dual carriageway

Misleading Signals

Leaving signal on too long

Leaving signal on before moving off

Signaling too early when 2 side roads are close

Signaling to overtake parked vehicles

Flashing headlights