

Signals

Types of Signals

Indicators, Brake lights, Reversing lights, Hazard lights – only use in an emergency

Flashing Headlights means “I am here”

If someone flashes ensure any signal is meant for you check it is safe to go

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 300yd marker on motorway/dual carriageway

Misleading Signals

Leaving signal on too long – Leaving signal on before moving off

Signalling too early when 2 side roads are close

Signalling to overtake parked vehicles

Flashing Headlights