

Driving safely

When you see a red **X** sign



Red X the 'lifesaver' sign

A red X shows that a lane is closed and MUST not be used. This is so we can manage an incident or roadworks while creating a safer environment for road users and road workers:

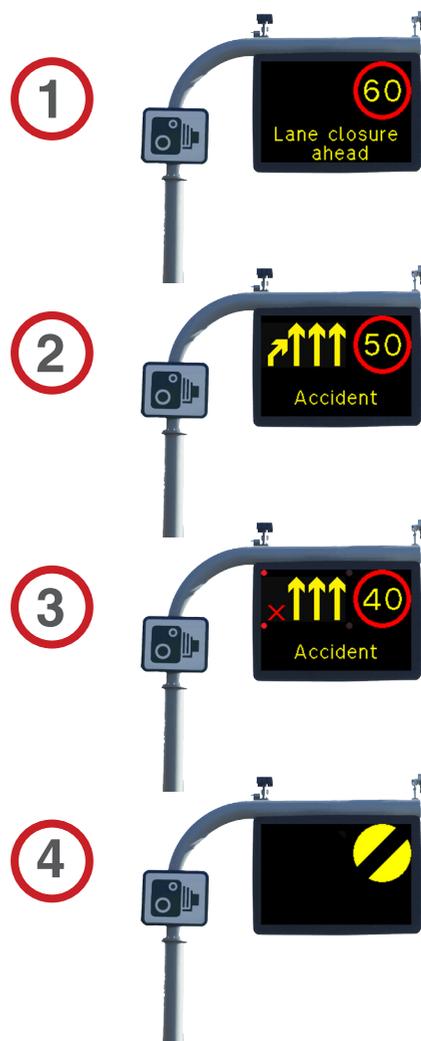
- Driving in a lane with a red X sign is dangerous both to you and anyone working or stopped on the carriageway ahead.
- We sometimes need to set red X signs far in advance of an incident in order to provide access for emergency vehicles.
- Digital cameras can be used by the police to enforce the red X sign.

The red X can be displayed on signs above each lane or large signs on the verge of the carriageway. The illustrations to the right show a typical sequence of signs we use in order to safely manage incidents. Any of the lanes may be closed by a red X and arrows will show the next available lane.

Never drive in a red X lane!

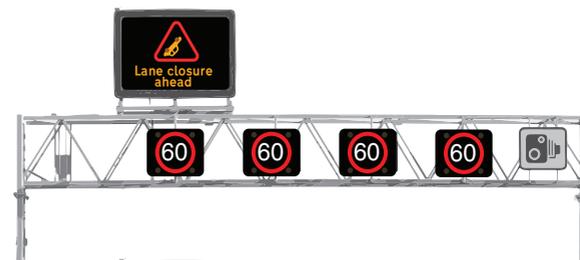
Red X signs on a smart motorway - what you'll see

Verge mounted signs



Signs above each lane

60 mph speed limit signs displayed



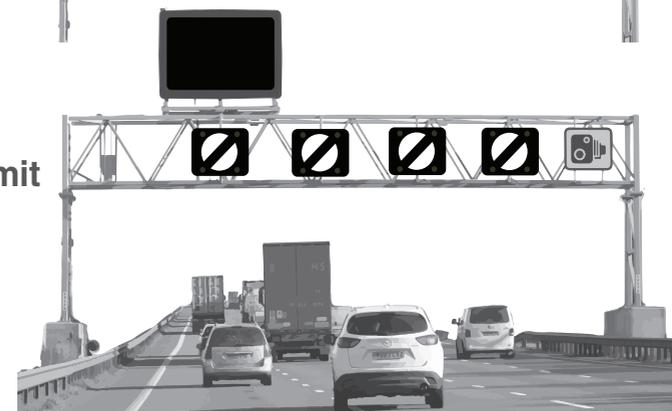
Move to right hand lane arrow displayed
(this may be repeated)



Red X displayed in advance of incident



National speed limit applies after the incident



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