Light signals controlling traffic

Traffic Light Signals

RED means ‘Stop’. Wait behind the stop line on the carriageway.

RED AND AMBER also means ‘Stop’. Do not pass through or start until GREEN shows.

GREEN means you may go on if the way is clear. Take special care if you intend to turn left or right and give way to pedestrians who are crossing.

AMBER means ‘Stop’ at the stop line. You may go on only if the AMBER appears after you have crossed the stop line or are so close to it that to pull up might cause an accident.

A GREEN ARROW may be provided in addition to the full green signal if movement in a certain direction is allowed before or after the full green phase. If the way is clear you may go but only in the direction shown by the arrow. You may do this whatever other lights may be showing. White light signals may be provided for trams.

Flashing red lights

Alternately flashing red lights mean YOU MUST STOP.

At level crossings, lifting bridges, airfields, fire stations, etc.

Motorway signals

You MUST NOT proceed further in this lane.

Change lane.

Reduced visibility ahead.

Lane ahead closed.

Temporary maximum speed advised and information message.

Leave motorway at next exit.

Temporary maximum speed advised.

End of restriction.

Lane control signals

Green arrow - lane available to traffic facing the sign.

Red crosses - lane closed to traffic facing the sign.

White diagonal arrow - change lanes in direction shown.