

# 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

- Signalling too early when 2 side roads are close

- Signalling to overtake parked vehicles

- Flashing headlights