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Signs, Signals and Road Markings

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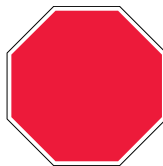
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In **Chapter 2, You and Your Vehicle**, you learned about some of the controls in your vehicle. This chapter is a handy reference section that gives examples of the most common signs, signals and road markings that keep traffic organized and flowing smoothly.

Signs

There are three ways to read signs: by their shape, colour and the messages printed on them. Understanding these three ways of classifying signs will help you figure out the meaning of signs that are new to you.

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Stop

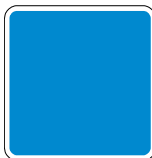
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Yield the right-of-way

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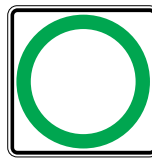
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Tells about motorist services

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Shows a permitted action

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Shows an action that is not permitted

green

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Warns of hazards ahead



Railway crossing

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Regulatory signs

These signs tell you about driving laws and regulations. It is an offence under the S.A *Motor Vehicle Act* to disregard them. Drivers who do not follow the instructions on these signs may receive penalties.

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Stop completely —
continue only when safe

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Give the right-of-way to
other vehicles and crossing
pedestrians

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The fastest you may drive
in good conditions

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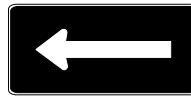
Indicates a lower speed
limit ahead

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Do not enter

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One way — gives
direction of traffic on
cross street

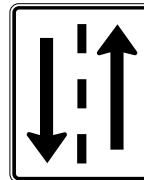
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Do not overtake

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Two-way traffic
— keep right unless
passing

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No bicycle riding beyond
this point

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No right turn on red light

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Warning signs

Most warning signs are yellow and diamond-shaped. They warn of possible hazards ahead.

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Winding road ahead

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Hidden side road ahead

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Sharp curve ahead — slow to suggested speed



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Curve ahead — slow down

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Merging traffic ahead

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Right lane ends ahead

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Divided highway ends ahead — keep right

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Two-way traffic ahead

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Road narrows ahead

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Narrow structure ahead — often a bridge

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Bump or rough road ahead

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Road may be slippery ahead

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Steep hill ahead — slow down

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Roundabout ahead

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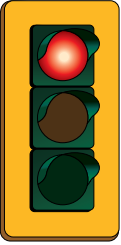


Signal lights ahead

Traffic lights

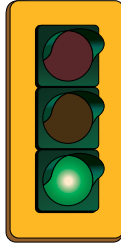
Traffic lights are used to help organize the flow of traffic. Generally, a red light means “stop,” a yellow light means “caution” and a green light means “go.” These signals can have slightly different meanings if they are flashing or if they are shaped as arrows rather than circles. In some places green arrows may flash; in others they may not.

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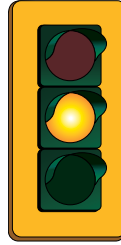
Steady red — stop — after coming to a full stop, you may turn right or turn left onto a one-way street unless a sign forbids it

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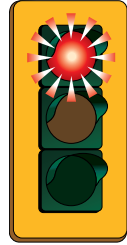
Steady green — continue if the intersection is clear

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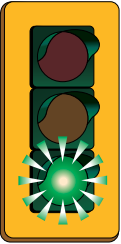
Steady yellow — slow down and stop before the intersection unless you can't safely stop in time

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Flashing red — stop, then continue only when it is safe

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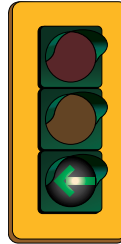
Flashing green — pedestrian-controlled light — go only if the intersection is clear

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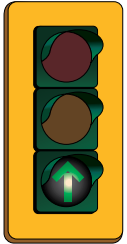
Flashing yellow — slow down and proceed with caution

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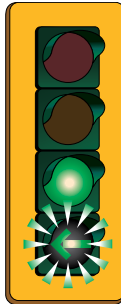
Green arrow — turn in the direction of the arrow

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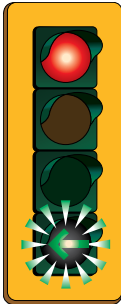
Green arrow — no turn permitted; go straight through only

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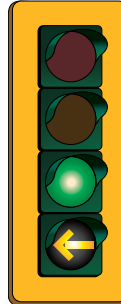
Flashing green arrow with a steady green light — may turn left or go straight

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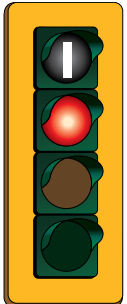
Flashing green arrow with a steady red light — left turn allowed; through traffic must stop for red light

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Yellow arrow — left turn signals are about to change, slow down and stop before the intersection unless you can't safely stop in time

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Transit priority signal — steady white rectangular light — only buses may go on this signal

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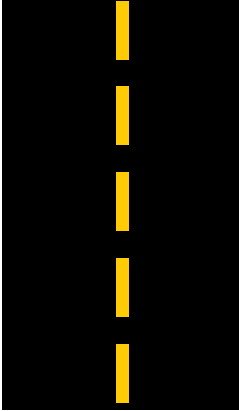
Road Markings

Road markings give you warnings or direction. They are painted on the roadway, curbs or other surfaces. It is illegal to drive over freshly painted, wet pavement markings.

Yellow lines

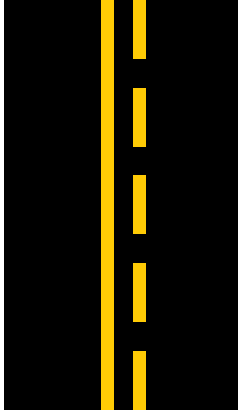
Yellow lines divide traffic moving in opposite directions. If there is a yellow line to your left, there will be traffic coming towards you on the other side of that yellow line.

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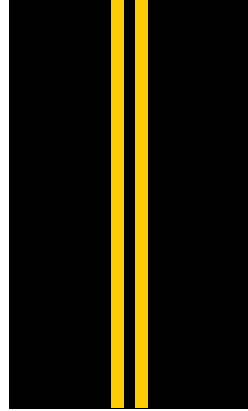
Broken line — passing is allowed when safe

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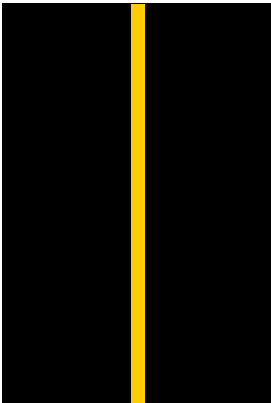
Broken line and solid line — you may pass only when it is safe and the broken line is on your side

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Double solid line — no passing allowed

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Single yellow line — vehicles travelling in either direction may pass when it is safe

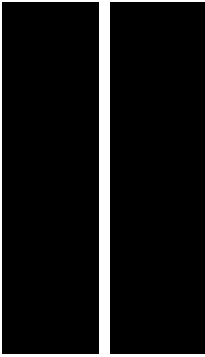
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White lines

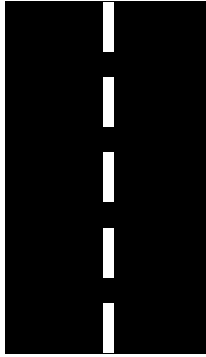
White lines are used to separate lanes of traffic moving in the same direction. White lines also mark crosswalks, stopping positions and the right shoulders of highways.

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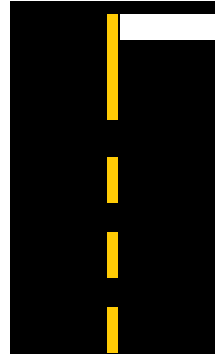
Solid line — do not change lanes

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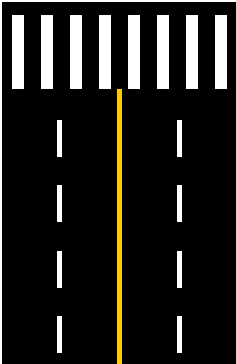
Broken line — lane changing is allowed when safe

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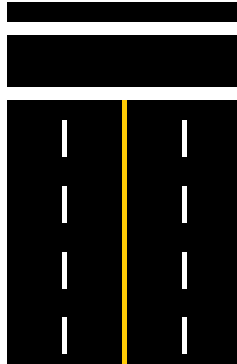
Stop line — stop before this line

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Pedestrian crosswalk — stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk

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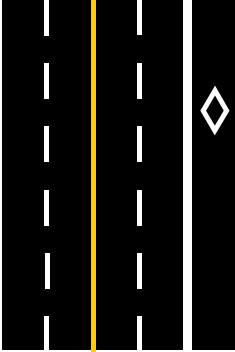
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Reserved lane markings

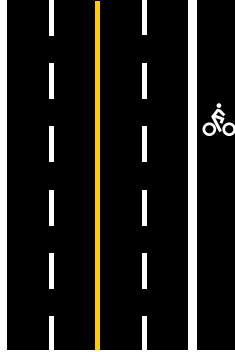
These markings set off lanes for HOVs, buses and bicycles. HOV lanes are marked with thick solid or broken lines and white diamond symbols.

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Reserved lane — additional signs or markings state which vehicles are allowed

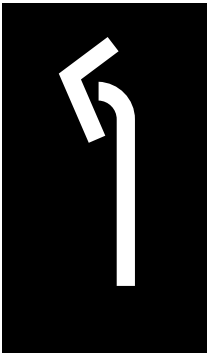
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Bicycle lane — for cyclists only
— cyclists must travel in the same direction as the traffic beside them
— the lane is marked with an outline of a bicycle and sometimes with a diamond

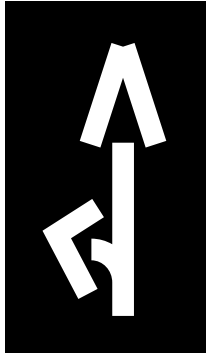
Other markings

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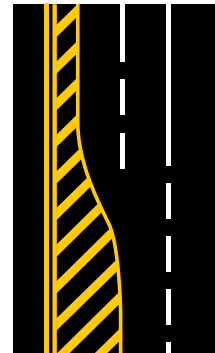
Vehicles in this lane must turn left

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Vehicles in this lane must go straight or turn left

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Painted island — keep to the right and do not drive on or over