

# TONY BARDEN SCHOOL OF MOTORING

## **SIGNALLING AND COMMUNICATION**

Signals are the language of the road. They are used to inform other road users of your intentions. There are many different types of signals available to the driver.

### **INDICATORS**

Indicators are used to signal your *intention* to move off, pull up, stop, or to change your position on the road. The mirrors should **always** be checked before signalling. Signals should be cancelled after use, or, re-applied if they cancel themselves too early. They should be given *clearly and in plenty of time for others to see them*.

### **BRAKE LIGHTS**

Brake lights are **red** lights which come on automatically once the brake pedal is pressed. They signal your intention to slow down or stop.

### **REVERSE LIGHTS**

Reverse lights are **white** lights which light up at the rear of the car once reverse gear is selected.

### **HORN**

The horn should be used to warn other road users of your presence. It should not be used between **11.30p.m. and 7.00a.m.**, when stationary (unless to avoid an accident), or in an aggressive manner to correct other driver's mistakes.

### **HEADLAMP FLASH**

The headlamp flash is used to warn other road users of your presence. It should **not** be used to instruct other road users to carry out **any** manoeuvre. (exception.....if you are being dazzled).

### **HAND SIGNALS**

Hand signals can be used to confirm or reinforce a mechanical signal.

**Examples include:** Slowing down/stopping on approach to pedestrian crossings.

Slowing down/stopping to deal with a particular hazard.

To confirm a mechanical signal when turning/stopping.

When mechanical signals fail.

To signal to a pointsman.

In conditions such as bright sunlight when mechanical signals may not be visible.

### **HAZARD WARNING LIGHTS**

These are used to warn other road users that you may be causing a temporary obstruction. They should not normally be used while a vehicle is in motion. They should never be used as an excuse for illegal parking!

### **SPEED AND POSITION**

The speed and position of your car can help inform other road users of your intentions.

### **SIGNALS GIVEN BY GARDAI**

These are used to regulate the flow of traffic.

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