Signs giving orders

Signs with red circles are mostly prohibitive. Plates below signs qualify their message.

End of 20 mph zone

Entry to 20 mph zone

Stop and give way

Give way to traffic on major road

Manually operated temporary STOP and GO signs

No entry for vehicular traffic

No vehicles except bicycles being pushed

No cycling

No motor vehicles

No buses (over 8 passenger seats)

No overtaking

No towed caravans

No vehicles carrying explosives

No vehicle or combination of vehicles over length shown

No vehicles over height shown

No vehicles over width shown

Give priority to vehicles from opposite direction

Give way to oncoming vehicles

No right turn

No left turn

No U-turns

No goods vehicles over maximum gross weight shown (in tonnes) except for loading and unloading

Note: Although The Highway Code shows many of the signs commonly in use, a comprehensive explanation of our signing system is given in the Department’s booklet Know Your Traffic Signs, which is on sale at booksellers. The booklet also illustrates and explains the vast majority of signs the road user is likely to encounter. The signs illustrated in The Highway Code are not all drawn to the same scale. In Wales, bilingual versions of some signs are used including Welsh and English versions of place names. Some older designs of signs may still be seen on the roads.
No vehicles over maximum gross weight shown (in tonnes)

Parking restricted to permit holders

No stopping at any time except buses

No waiting

No stopping (Clearway)

No waiting

No stopping during period indicated except for buses

No stopping during times shown except for as long as necessary to set down or pick up passengers

**Signs with blue circles but no red border mostly give positive instruction.**

- Ahead only
- Turn left ahead (right if symbol reversed)
- Turn left (right if symbol reversed)
- Keep left (right if symbol reversed)
- Vehicles may pass either side to reach same destination

- Mini-roundabout (roundabout circulation - give way to vehicles from the immediate right)
- Route to be used by pedal cycles only
- Segregated pedal cycle and pedestrian route
- Minimum speed
- End of minimum speed

- Buses and cycles only
- Trams only
- Pedestrian crossing point over tramway
- One-way traffic (note: compare circular ‘Ahead only’ sign)

- With-flow bus and cycle lane
- Contra-flow bus lane
- With-flow pedal cycle lane