



Leeds
CITY COUNCIL

**Highways & Transportation
Traffic Engineering Section**

TRAFFIC SIGNS – GENERAL

All road signs erected on the public highway must be as prescribed in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 (as amended) or specifically authorised by the Department for Transport (DfT).

The Highway Code (www.highwaycode.gov.uk) shows examples of the most commonly used signs. The types of sign generally fall into the following groups:

- regulatory signs;
- warning signs;
- direction signs including map type;
- destination signs including tourism type;
- information signs.

The location and clarity of traffic signs can contribute towards an improvement in road safety by assisting drivers, cyclists and other road users in locating preferred, suitable and convenient routes quickly and efficiently and warning them of any hazards.

Certain signs must be illuminated if erected within 50 metres of a street light. Unlit signs are normally reflective. Exceptions are waiting restriction signs.

Signs should not be added piecemeal to a signpost as this obstructs lines of sight, can detract from road safety and damage the environment of our towns, villages and countryside. Our practices include careful consideration of these issues to limit the impact of “sign clutter”.

Their prominent position does make direction signs prone to damage by traffic and occasionally by vandalism.

All signs provided on the public highway must be approved by the Highway Authority. Signs on roads for which Leeds City Council is not the Highway Authority will require separate authorisation. Unauthorised or illegal signs will be removed and the cost of removal may be recovered.

Traffic signs are not advertisements and cannot include commercial names or legends.

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