

Basic American Road Signs

Colors of Signs and their meanings



Yellow Sign - Warning signs. They let you know there may be a hazard coming up. Example: Work Zone ahead, driving with caution, slowing down.



Orange Sign - Work Zone ahead. These signs that there may be danger ahead and to slow down. There is usually a reduced speed limit posted when you see these signs. Look for workers in the roadway possibly directing traffic or working in areas where a car may have normally travelled.



Black and White Sign - Posted regulations. What you can and can't do. Examples: Minimum or maximum speed



Red Sign - Regulatory signs. Examples: Stop, Yield, No left turn



Brown Sign - Parks and recreation



Green Sign - Guide signs. They tell you where you are, which way to go and the distance to different locations.



Blue Sign - These are a different type of guide sign. These let you know about services along the roadway. Examples” Rest Area, lodging, gas station or hospital ahead

Some Driving and Roadway Basics

- ❖ The right lane is for slower traffic
- ❖ The left lane is for passing and faster moving vehicles
- ❖ Pedestrians always have the right of way. When a pedestrian enters a roadway you must come to a complete stop.
- ❖ Use your horn sparingly
- ❖ Do not tailgate
- ❖ The steering wheel is on the left side of the car
- ❖ American's drive on the right side of the road
- ❖ American cars tend to be larger than those in other countries. This creates more blind spots when switching lanes and turning.
- ❖ White lines are used to separate lanes of traffic headed in the same direction
- ❖ Yellow lines are used to separate traffic moving in opposite directions
- ❖ When a school bus displays flashing red lights you must stop and may not pass the bus
- ❖ Carpool lanes/HOV lanes are usually found in the far left lane when they are designated
- ❖ In some states bicyclists must ride in the street and are required to follow posted traffic regulation signs