

There are many things unique about driving in Iceland



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Be extra careful when driving on Icelandic roads because pets and domestic animals often roam onto the road. Please be aware that you might be liable for compensation for animals involved in accidents.

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Supplementary signs

Distance to danger or to place covered by prohibition or instruction	Directions to which prohibition or instruction applies	Distance to and length of danger or prohibition zone
Extent of prohibition area to the left	Extent of prohibition area to the right	Duration of prohibition
Extent of prohibition area to both directions	Distance to danger or area covered by prohibition or instruction	Duration of permission
Parking places parallel to road	Parking places at right-angles to road	Parking for disabled people
Parking places at angle to road	Distance to danger or area covered by prohibition or instruction	Parking for disabled people
Direction to right	Direction to left	Direction forward and to right
Direction forward and to left	Direction straight ahead	Direction straight ahead
Course of main road at intersections	Caution - blind people	Caution - deaf people
Total permitted weight limit	Offending vehicles will be removed	Newly-laid road surface
Difficult road. Negotiable only by jeeps, i.e. vehicles which are higher than ordinary private cars and have 4-wheel drive.	Very rough track. Used to mark tracks which are only negotiable by specially-equipped off-road vehicles.	Unbridged river
Single-width surface	End of tarred road	Blind rise
Single-width bridge	Stop sign ahead	Accident risk area

Lane markings

Lane markings inform the driver of the layout of lanes on the road, how they come to an end and which lane to choose when approaching an intersection.

Route and direction signs

Route direction	Route direction without road number	Turnoff (a) in capital area	Turnoff (b) outside capital area
Turnoff to place of interest, airport, harbour, public building or other place of service	Notice of destination ahead	Exit lane marking (a) in capital area	Exit lane marking (b) outside capital area
Destinations ahead (a) with distances in capital area	Destinations ahead (b) with distances outside capital area	Primary traffic routes	
Destinations ahead (a) with distances in capital area	Destinations ahead and map (b) outside capital area	Lane direction sign	Destinations ahead with route numbers (a) in capital area
Destinations ahead with route numbers (b) outside capital area	Place direction	Street or road name	Road number
Place name	House numbers	Unnumbered road	Abandoned farm
County or municipal boundary sign (small)	Destinations ahead (a) with distances in capital area	Destinations ahead (b) with distances outside capital area	
County or municipal boundary sign (large)	Information on cycle path		

PEOPLE WHO RESPECT TRAFFIC SIGNS CAUSE FEWER ACCIDENTS

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Many rural roads in Iceland are gravel roads not suited to fast driving. Please drive carefully and show other road-users consideration at all times. When you meet another car, slow down, and pull out to the side of the road.

The general speed limit is 50 km/h in urban areas, 80 km/h on gravel roads in rural areas and 90 km/h on hard-surfaced roads. Please note: special warning signs indicate danger ahead, such as sharp bends, but there is generally no separate sign to reduce speed.

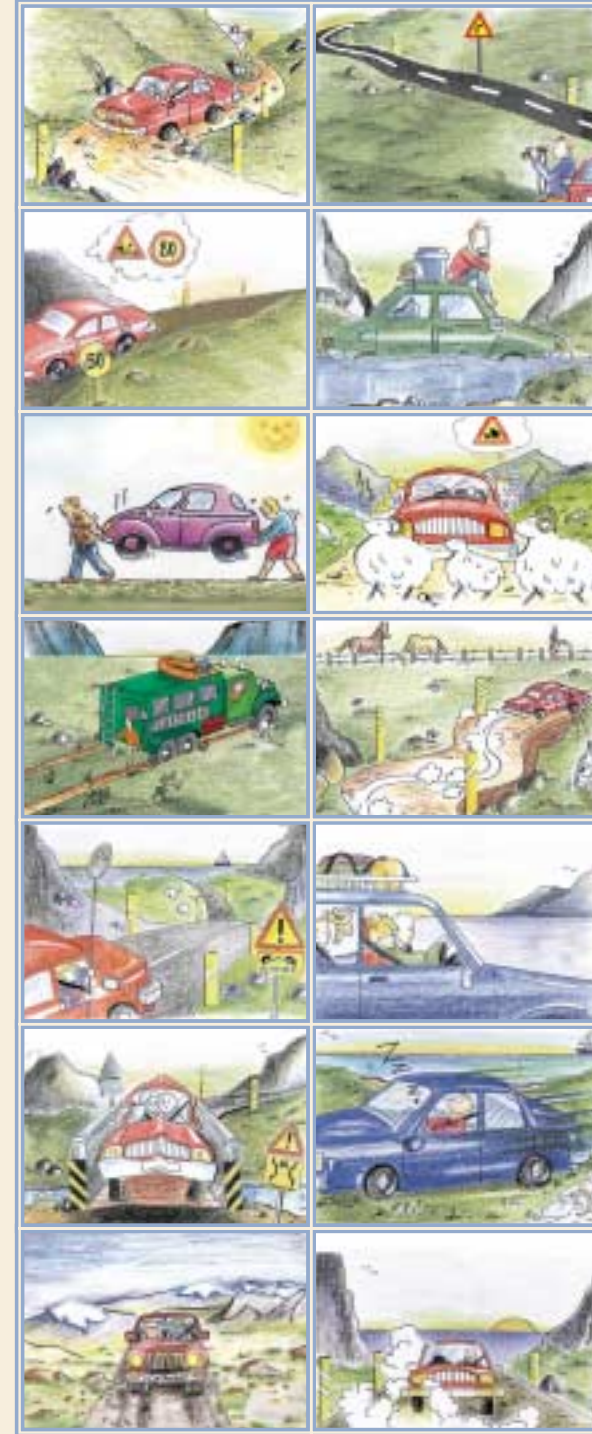
Icelandic highland roads are not meant for ordinary cars, and that includes hire cars. Their insurance does not cover them for driving on highland roads.

Driving off marked roads is prohibited. It results in irreparable damage to the land and the plant cover which may remain visible for centuries. Drivers who cause damage to the land and the vegetation may be liable to claims for compensation.

There are many blind hills on our roads, some of them without any markings at all. Many of them however, are marked with the warning sign "OTHER DANGER" above the word "BLINDHÆ:" (BLIND RISE).

Many bridges are too narrow to allow more than one car to cross at a time.

Please ask for information about the various roads and tracks in the highlands, e.g. at the office of Vegagerin (The Public Roads Administration). Tel.: 1777. Highland roads are often impassable far into summer. Please remember that driving off the established roads and tracks is forbidden in the highlands as well as everywhere else.



Always pay attention to road signs, especially when travelling on unfamiliar roads.

Many rivers in the highlands are unbridged. Therefore, it is important that you make sure that the conditions are safe before you attempt to cross - especially when a vehicle is travelling unaccompanied, i.e. not in a convoy.

Please be prepared for farm animals grazing by the roadside and straying into or crossing the road. Drivers who cause injury or death to such animals may be liable to claims for compensation.

No-one may drive a motor vehicle in Iceland after drinking alcoholic beverages.

All travellers are obliged to use safety belts where they are available.

Beware of getting too tired at the wheel. Iceland may look small on a map of the world, but distances that seem short on the map may take a long time to cover by car. So please take long journeys in easy stages and enjoy them to the full.

Drivers are obliged to drive with headlights on at all times.

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Traffic Signs and practical information on driving in Iceland

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Keep this booklet in your car for reference

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Travellers bringing their own motor vehicles to Iceland by car-ferries must be prepared having them inspected upon arrival.

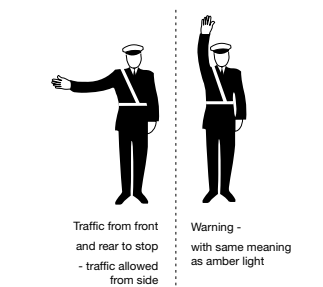


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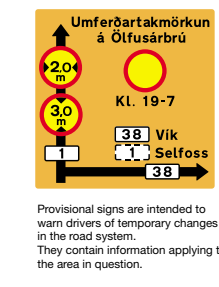
Warning Signs



Police hand signals

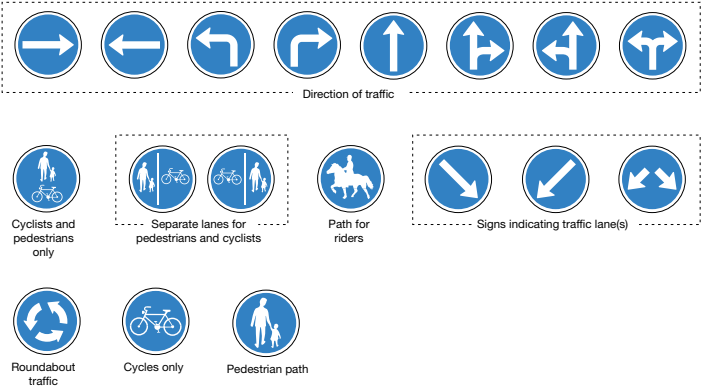


Provisional signs

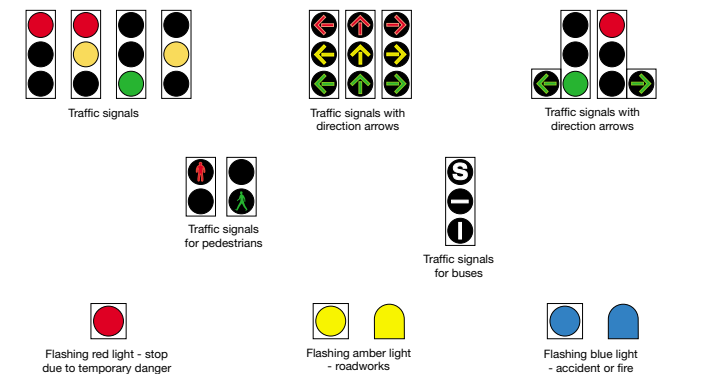


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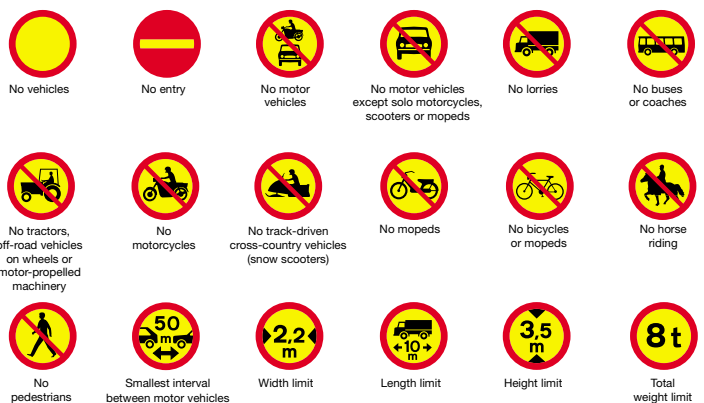
Instruction signs



Traffic signals



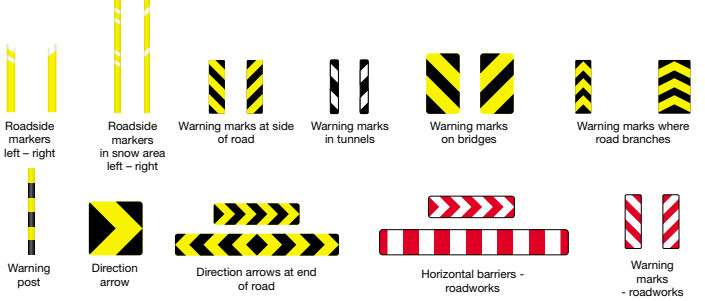
Prohibition signs



Information signs



Other signs



Service signs



Road markings

