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**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002**

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**THE TRAFFIC SIGNS REGULATIONS  
AND GENERAL DIRECTIONS 2002**

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2. One of the following legends may be displayed on a...

PART III — LEGENDS GIVING WARNINGS OF ADVERSE WEATHER OR OTHER TEMPORARY HAZARDS OR INCIDENTS

3. (1) A legend specified in sub-paragraph (2) may only be...

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4. One of the following legends may be used only in...  
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2. The conditions are— (a) that the motor vehicle is a...
3. For the purposes of this Schedule, the following are to...

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7. Signs to be placed only to indicate the effect of a statutory prohibition
8. The placing of certain signs to indicate the beginning of a restriction, requirement, prohibition or speed limit
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11. Repeater signs
12. Signs to be placed only on specified types of road
13. (1) The signs shown in diagrams 2101, 2101.1, 2101.2, 2102,...
14. (1) The signs shown in diagrams 832.3, 1012.2, 1064, 2901,...
15. (1) The signs shown in diagrams 823, 824, 825, 868,...
16. Speed limits of 20 mph
17. Signs to be placed only in conjunction with specified road markings (except signs for prohibitions and restrictions on waiting etc)

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18. Road markings to be placed only in conjunction with other road markings or specified signs (except road markings for prohibitions and restrictions on waiting etc)
19. The placing of the signs shown in diagrams 615 and 811
20. Signs to be placed only in combination with specified plates or other signs
21. Plates to be placed only in combination with specified signs
22. Placing of road markings and signs to indicate prohibitions and restrictions on waiting, loading and unloading and parking
23. (1) The road marking shown in diagram 1020.1 may be...
24. (1) Except where it is placed to indicate the effect...
25. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) a road marking shown in...
26. The sign shown in diagram 663, 663.1, 664, 665 or...
27. Signs to be placed only at specified sites or for specified purposes
28. The sign shown in diagram 551.1 may be placed on...
29. The sign shown in diagram 574 may be placed only...
30. The sign shown in diagram 601.1 may be placed on...
31. The sign shown in diagram 833, 834, 835 or 836...
32. (1) The sign shown in diagram 878 or 879 may...
33. The sign shown in diagram 957 may be placed on...
34. (1) The marking shown in diagram 1003 may be placed...
35. The road marking shown in diagram 1043 or 1044 shall...
36. Restrictions on the placing of temporary signs
37. (1) The sign shown in diagram 790 or 7014—
38. (1) No sign of the kind referred to in regulation...
39. (1) The sign shown in diagram 7023 or 7024 may...
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42. (1) The back of any sign shown in a diagram...
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45. Mounting of refuge indicator lamps
46. Mounting and backing of light signals, matrix signs and warning lights
47. Placing of road marking shown in diagram 1001 or 1001.2 in conjunction with light signals
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51. (1) The light signals prescribed by regulation 37(1) shall not...
52. The sign shown in diagram 6002, 6021 or 6031.1 may...
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54. Placing of signals and other signs at crossings
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