BC road sign chart

The road signs you will see on British Columbia roads, grouped by colour and shape, with what each one tells you.

1 Stop, yield and entry

1.1 Stop

Bring your vehicle to a full stop here, and go on only when the way is safe.

1.2 Yield

Let other vehicles and people crossing go first, and be ready to stop.

1.3 Do not enter

Do not drive this way, because it is usually an exit ramp and you would face oncoming traffic.

1.4 Wrong way

You are heading the wrong way, usually onto an exit ramp, so do not go on.

2 Rules for drivers

2.1 No cycling

Bicycles are not allowed to be ridden past this point.

2.2 50 km/h speed limit ahead

A 50 km/h limit starts further on, so begin slowing down before you reach it.

2.3 50 km/h speed limit

The highest legal speed here is 50 km/h, even if other drivers go faster.

2.4 80 km/h speed limit

The highest legal speed here is 80 km/h, and bad conditions can call for much less.

2.5 Slower traffic keep right

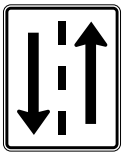
If you drive slower than the traffic around you, stay in the right lane.

2.6 Keep right except to pass

Stay in the right lane and use the left lane only when overtaking.

2.7 One way traffic

Traffic on the cross street moves only in the direction the arrow points.



2.8 Two-way traffic

Vehicles travel in both directions here, so keep to the right unless overtaking.

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2.9 Keep right

Pass on the right side of the island or barrier that divides the road.

2.10 No right turn at certain times

Right turns are banned during the days and hours shown on the tab below.

2.11 Left turn only

From this lane you must turn left, following the arrow.

2.12 Turn left or right only

At this intersection you must turn, either left or right, and may not go straight.

2.13 No passing for 150 metres

Overtaking is banned for the distance shown on the sign.

2.14 Do not pass

You may not overtake another vehicle along this stretch.

2.15 Bridge load limit

No vehicle heavier than the weight shown may cross this bridge.

2.16 Two-way left turn lane

This centre lane is shared by drivers from both directions for turning left.

2.17 No right turn on red

Do not turn right while the light is red, and wait for a green signal.

2.18 HOV minimum occupancy

A vehicle needs at least the number of people shown to drive in this lane.

2.19 Number of railway tracks

The number tells you how many sets of tracks cross the road at this crossing.

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3 Lane signs

3.1 Straight ahead only

Drivers in this lane must go straight and may not turn.

3.2 Straight or left turn

Drivers in this lane may go straight or turn left, but may not turn right.

3.3 Straight or right turn

Drivers in this lane may go straight or turn right, but may not turn left.

3.4 Both lanes turn left

Drivers in either of these two lanes must turn left.

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4 Parking and stopping

4.1 No parking

You may not leave your vehicle parked here, or you risk a fine or a tow.

4.2 Loading zone

This space is only for vehicles that are loading or unloading.

4.3 No parking at certain times

Parking is not allowed on the days and during the hours shown on the sign.

4.4 No parking in snow season

In snow season, a vehicle parked here can be towed away.

4.5 Disabled parking zone

This space is kept for vehicles that display the permit and carry a person with a disability.

4.6 Time-limited parking

You may park here, for no longer than the time shown, during the listed days and hours.

4.7 No stopping

You may not stop here, and the ban runs until the next no-stopping sign.

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5 Road shape and conditions

5.1 Curve to the right

The road bends to the right ahead, so adjust your speed for the bend.

5.2 Winding road

Several bends follow one after another, the first one turning to the right.

5.3 Hazard ahead, turn left or right

You cannot continue straight here and must turn right or left.

5.4 Exit speed 60 km/h

The suggested speed for taking this highway exit is 60 km/h.

5.5 Roundabout ahead

A roundabout is coming up, so slow down and get ready to give way.

5.6 Merging traffic on the right

Another lane joins yours from the right, and both drivers need to adjust.

5.7 Added lane on the right

A road joins from the right and gives you an extra lane there.

5.8 Right lane ends

The right lane stops ahead, so start moving into the other lane early.

5.9 Road narrows

The road gets tighter ahead but keeps the same number of lanes.

5.10 Divided road ends

The divided road ends ahead, so keep right where the divider stops.

5.11 Two-way traffic ahead

The divided road ends, and vehicles will soon come toward you in the next lane.

5.12 Steep descent

A steep downhill is ahead, so slow down and use a lower gear.

5.13 Slippery surface

This stretch can lose grip, especially when wet, icy or covered in loose material.

5.14 Uneven surface

Expect a bump or rough patch in the road ahead.

5.15 Pavement ends

The paved road turns to gravel ahead, where tires grip less and stones may fly up.

5.16 Falling rocks

Rocks may come down from the slope and lie on the road ahead.

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6 Things on or beside the road

6.1 Pedestrian crossing ahead

A crosswalk is coming up, so watch for people walking across.

6.2 Share the road with cyclists

Cyclists use this road too, so leave extra room when you pass them.

6.3 Deer area

Deer may be on or near the road, most often around dawn and dusk.

6.4 Truck crossing

Trucks may cross your path as they enter or leave a site, often slowly.

6.5 Fire station entrance

Fire trucks may drive out onto the road with little warning, so be ready to stop.

6.6 Stop sign ahead

A stop sign is coming up, so get ready to stop at the intersection.

6.7 Traffic signals ahead

A traffic light is coming up, and if the sign's lights flash, be ready to stop.

6.8 Railway crossing on side road

A railway crossing is on a side road to the right, and cars ahead may stop for it.

6.9 Railway crossing

A railway crosses here, and you must give way to any train even without gates or lights.

6.10 Opening bridge

The bridge lifts or swings for boats, so you may have to stop and wait.

6.11 Narrow structure

A narrow bridge or other structure is ahead, with less room at the sides.

6.12 Tunnel ahead

A tunnel is ahead, so slow down before the entrance while your eyes adjust to the dim light.

6.13 Snow shed ahead

The road runs under a roof that shields it from snow, and the light changes suddenly.

6.14 Object marker, pass either side

An obstruction stands in the road, and you may pass on either side of it.

6.15 Object marker, keep right

An obstruction stands in the road, and you must pass on its right.

6.16 Object marker, keep left

An obstruction stands in the road, and you must pass on its left.

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7 School and playground areas

7.1 School zone

Children may be near the road, so slow down and watch for them.

7.2 School zone, 30 km/h

The limit is 30 km/h in this school zone from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days.

7.3 School zone, 30 km/h with hours

The 30 km/h limit applies in this school zone only during the hours written on the plate.

7.4 Playground area

A playground is close to the road, so be ready to slow down.

7.5 Playground zone, 30 km/h

The limit is 30 km/h here every day, from dawn until dusk.

7.6 School bus stop ahead

A school bus stop is coming up, where buses halt and children may be walking or crossing.

8 Construction and work zones

8.1 Flagger ahead

A traffic control person is ahead because of road work or maintenance.

8.2 Detour ahead

Traffic will be sent off its usual route ahead, so follow the signs and any traffic control person.

8.3 Construction ahead

A work zone is ahead, so keep to the posted speed and leave plenty of room around equipment.

8.4 Soft shoulder

The edge of the road ahead is soft and may not hold a vehicle, so stay off it.

8.5 Survey crew, 50 km/h

A survey crew is working near the road, so drive no faster than 50 km/h.

8.6 Work crew, 50 km/h

A work crew is in the area, so drive no faster than 50 km/h.

9 Direction and distance

9.1 Directional sign

Each place name has an arrow showing which way to turn or go straight.

9.2 Distance sign

It lists the distance to the places named, with the numbers given in kilometres.

9.3 Hospital

A hospital is nearby.

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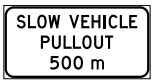
10 Information and services

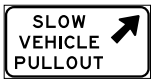
10.1 Visitor information centre

A centre ahead can give you route, road condition and visitor information.



10.2 Slow vehicle pullout ahead

A pullout for slow vehicles begins at the distance in metres shown on the sign.



10.3 Slow vehicle pullout

The pullout for slow vehicles is right here, in the direction of the arrow.

10.4 Gas station

You can buy fuel ahead.

10.5 Lodging

Places to stay overnight are ahead.

11 Highway route markers

11.1 Trans-Canada Highway marker

It tells you that you are on the Trans-Canada Highway, Highway 1.

11.2 Primary highway marker

It tells you which numbered primary highway you are on, here Highway 99.

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