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Welcome to this **Perfect Driver** course. Throughout this course, we are going to look at the law, skills, techniques, and ideas to help you become a better, and safer driver.

In this lesson, we'll look at **Traffic Lights**.

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Traffic Lights are found around the world, and are used to control traffic, mainly at intersections. Traffic Lights will display one of three colours:

- **Green** - safe to proceed through lights.
- **Amber** - you must stop at the lights if it is safe to do so.
- **Red** - you must stop and wait for the lights to display green once more.

Let's have a look at this more closely.



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Large intersections, where traffic lights are normally found, can see far too many serious accidents. These accidents occur generally when someone does not obey the rules.

If you run a red light, this is illegal, and could seriously injure or kill yourself or others.

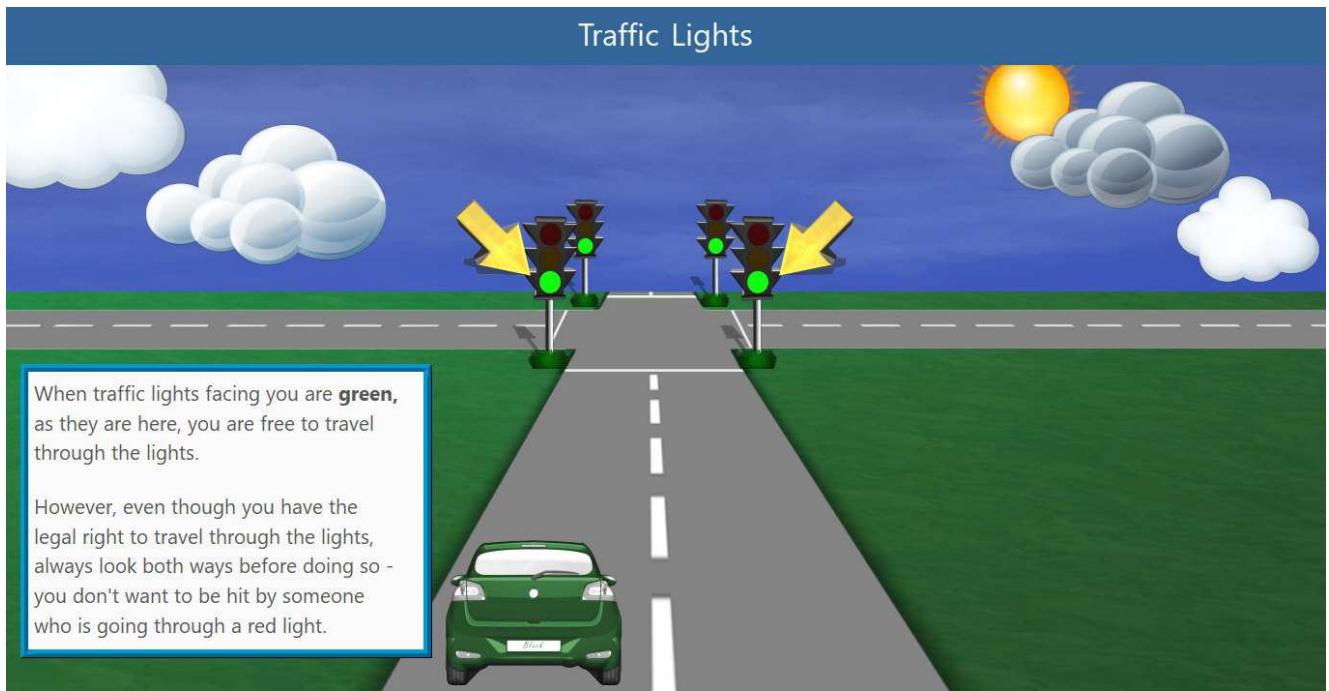
If you go through a green light without at least a quick check left or right, **you could fall victim to a driver going through a red light.**



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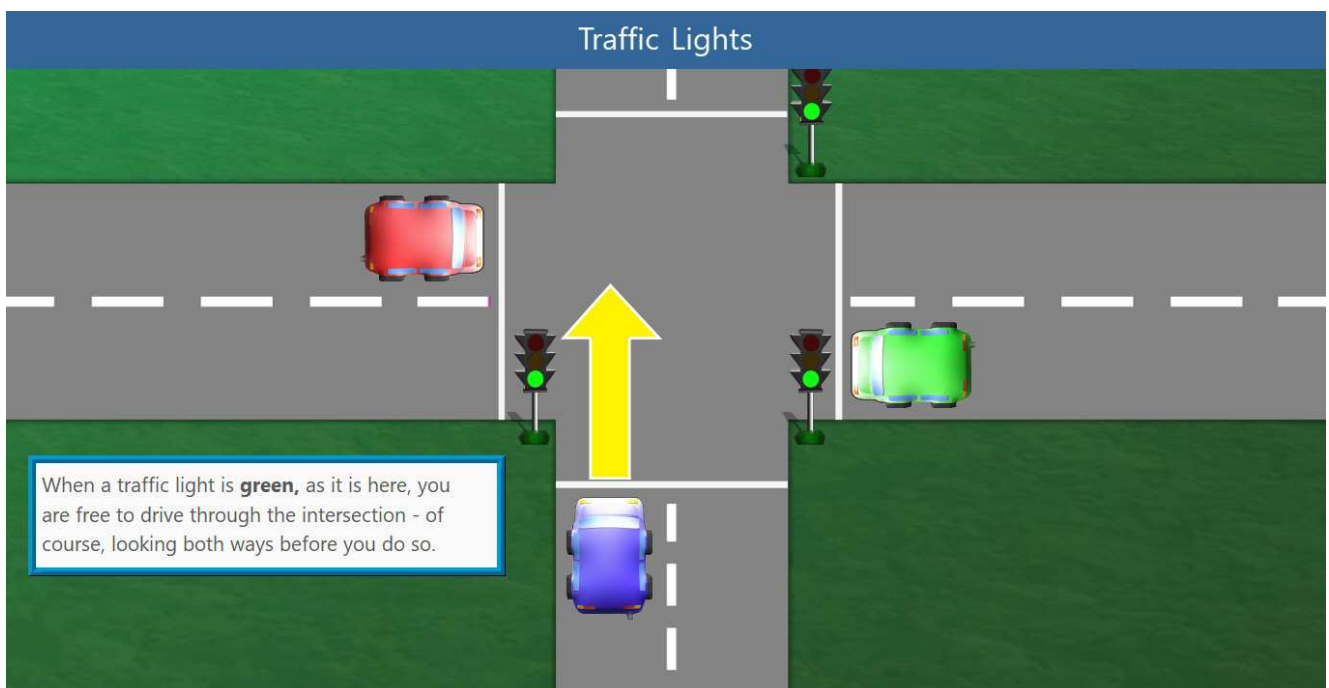
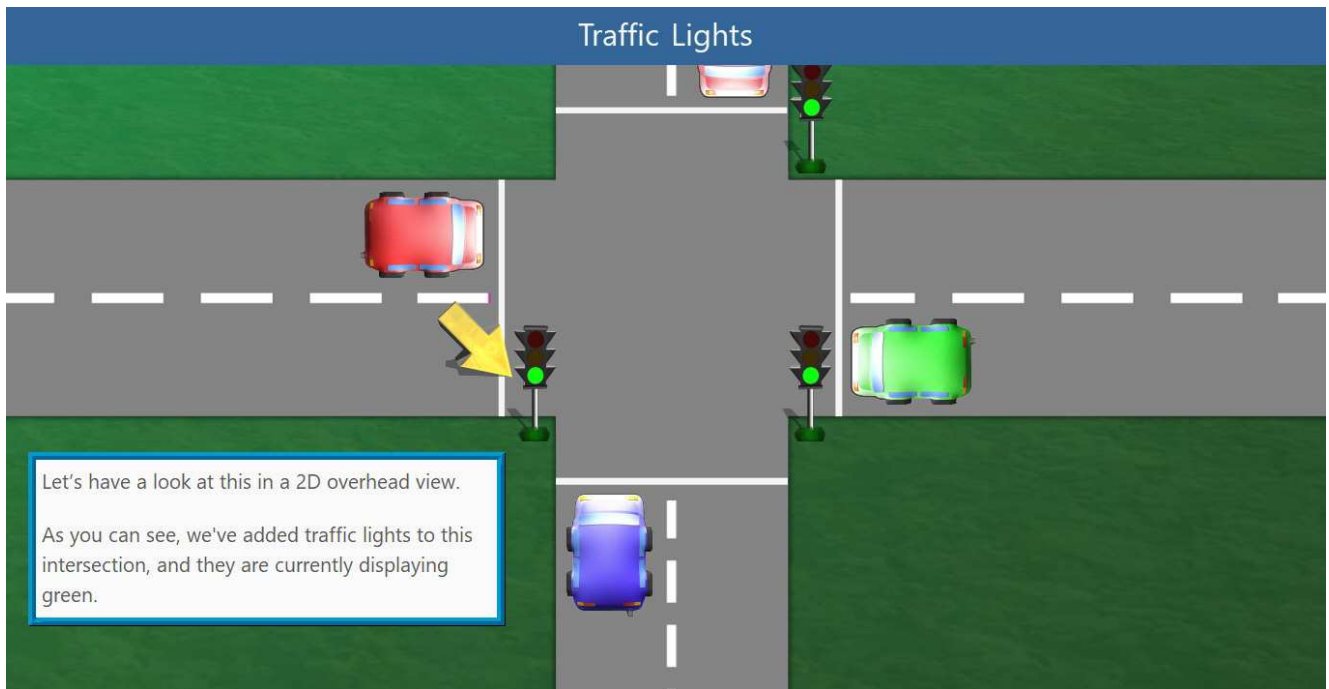
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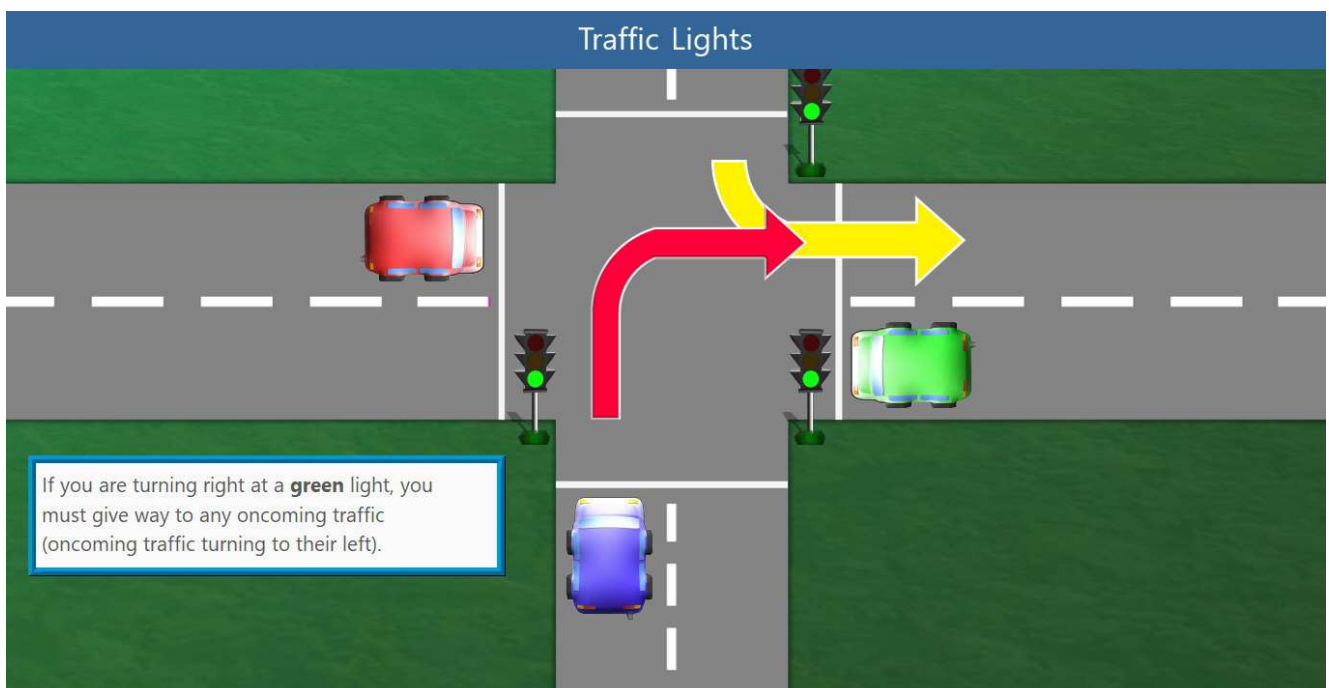
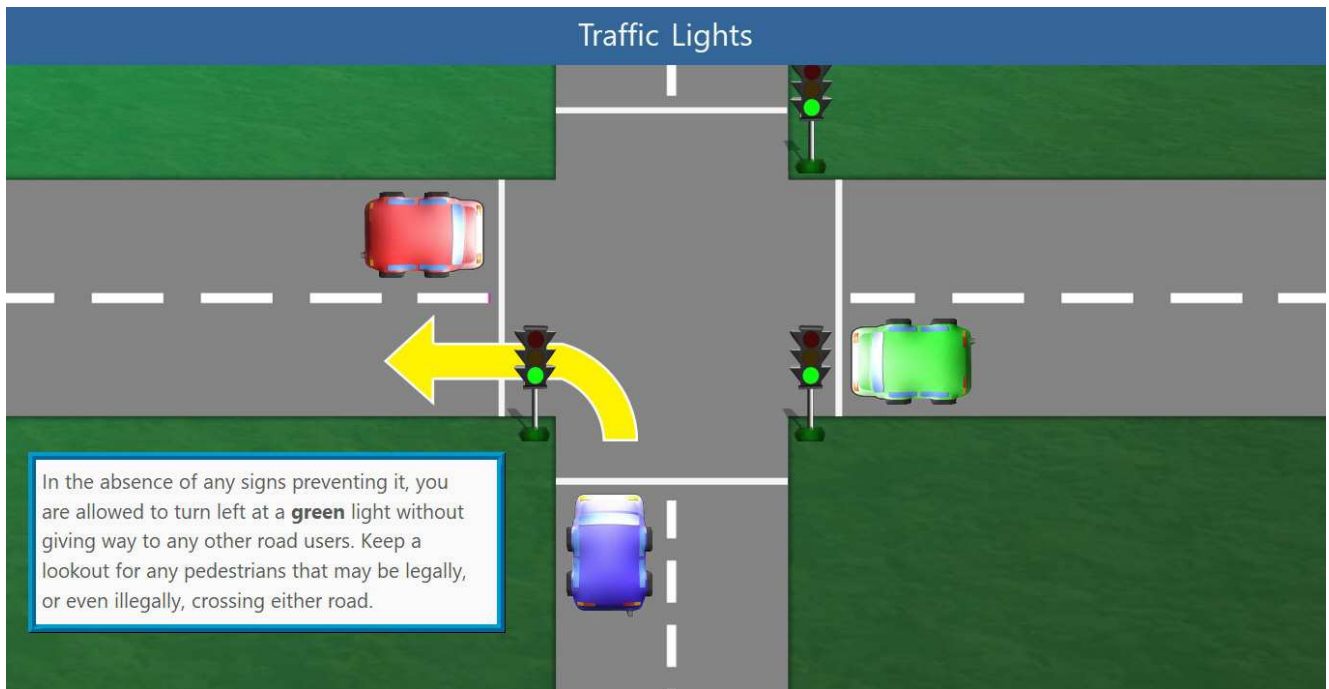
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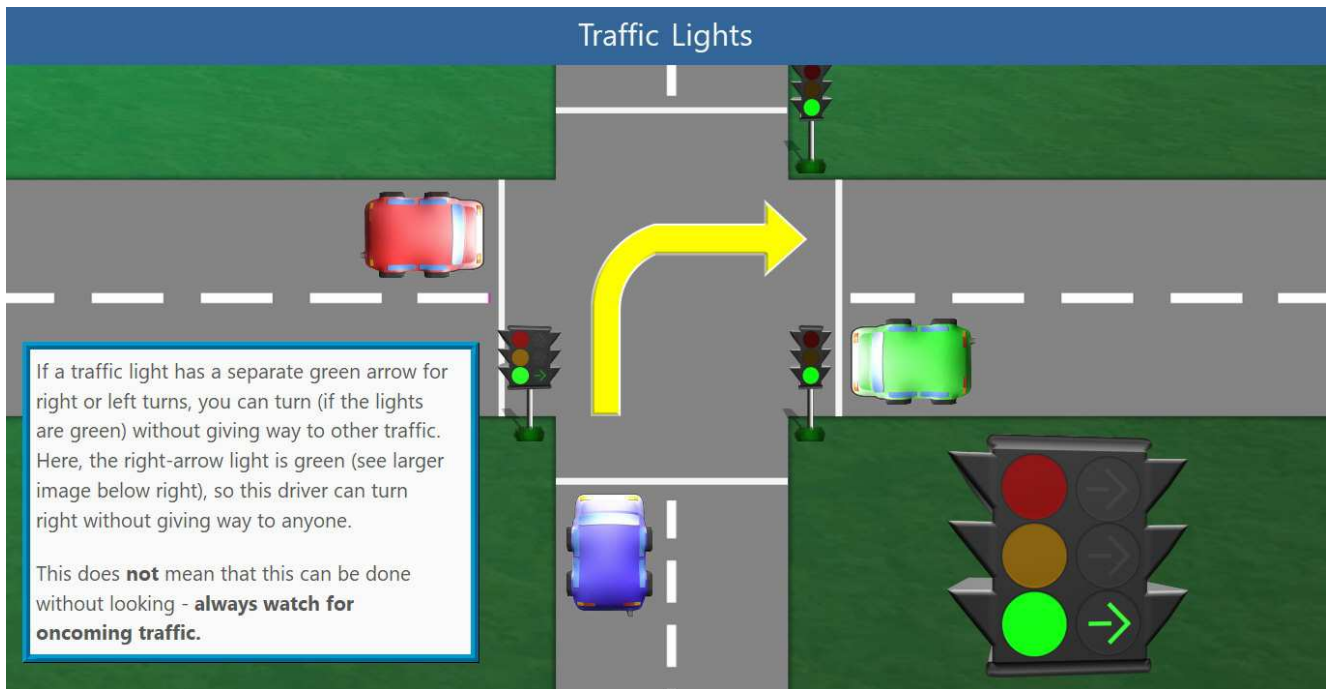
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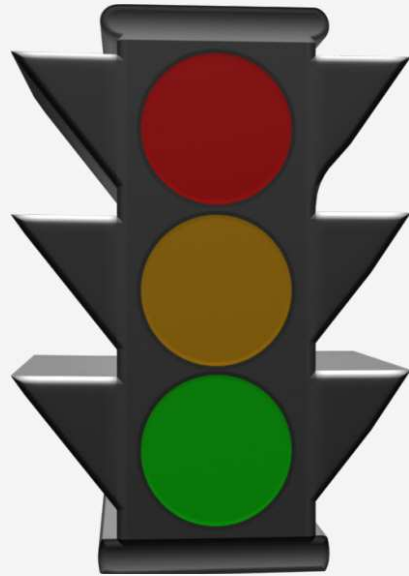
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So far, we've looked at the standard set of traffic lights - red on top, amber in the middle, and green on the bottom.

But there are variations, and we'll look at these now.

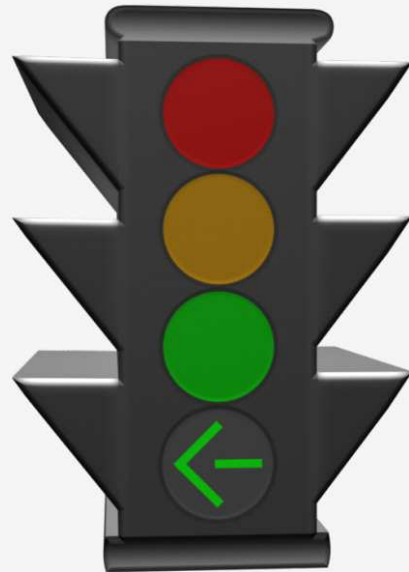


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The traffic lights pictured here have an extra light at the bottom. This is commonly used to allow extra control over left hand turns. If you are turning left at these lights, you must pay attention to and obey the traffic light that displays the **left-turn arrow**.

This left-arrow light will operate independently from the lights above it. If the left-hand arrow is green, and the main light is red, you are allowed to turn left, but you are not allowed to go straight through, or turn right through, the traffic lights.

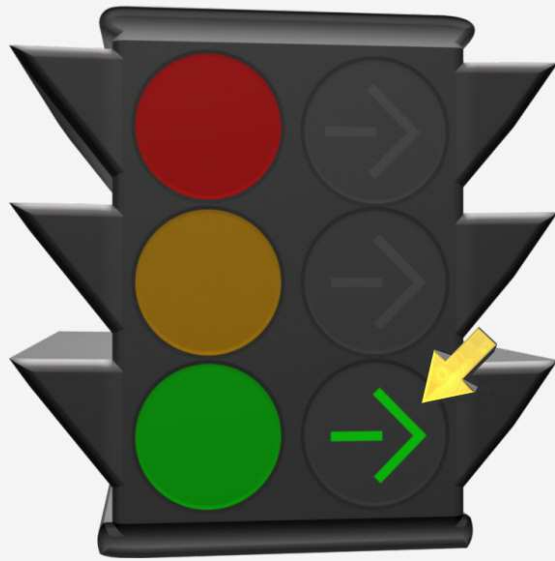
Because there is only one light for left-hand turns, this will either be blank (no arrow displayed), or will cycle through green-amber-red in the same light.



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Illustrated here is a traffic light that uses a set of independent lights to control right hand turns. As with the previous lights we looked at for left-hand turns, these right-hand turn arrows operate independently from the main traffic lights.

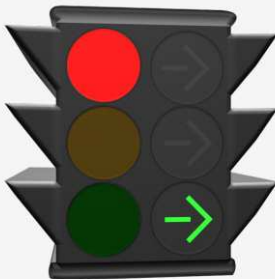
If the right-hand arrow is green, and the main light is red, you are allowed to turn right, but you are not allowed to go straight through, or turn left at the traffic lights.



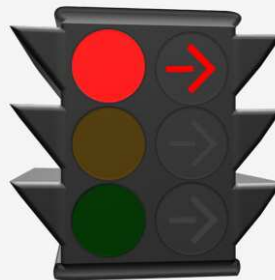
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At these lights, you can legally go straight ahead, or turn right.



At these lights, you can turn right, but not go straight ahead.



At these lights you must stop. You cannot go through them at all.

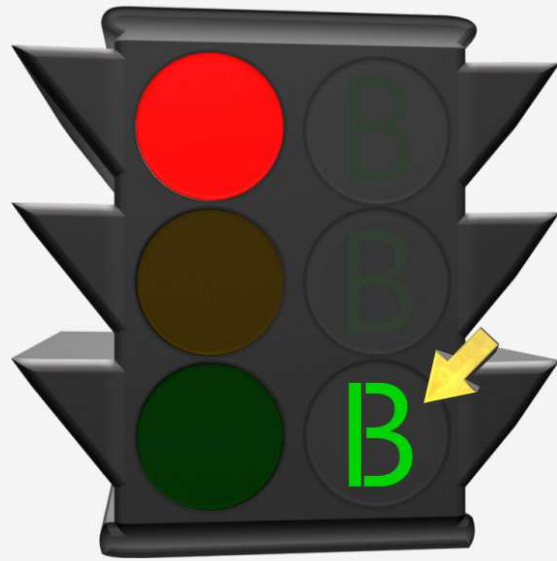


At these lights, you can turn right, and go straight ahead. However, because there is not an actual green arrow, you may have to give way to oncoming traffic while turning.

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Where a traffic light contains the letter **B** highlighted, this indicates that only buses can obey the signal.

As the traffic light appears here, a bus can travel through the lights, but a car cannot until the normal circular light turns green.



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On some sets of traffic lights, a sign like the one to the right will flash amber if the lights are out of action.

In these circumstances, you can still travel through the lights, but must follow standard Give Way protocols.

Proceed slowly and with caution.



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Once traffic lights are out of action, it is generally not long before the police will arrive to direct traffic at the lights.

In this case, follow the directions of the police at all times.



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SUMMARY

In this lesson, **Traffic Lights**, we discussed:

- A **green** light means it is safe to move through the traffic lights, assuming no other signs (such as **No Left Turn** sign) contradict this.
- An **amber** light means that must stop at the lights if it is safe to do so. If the light turns red before you pass the first light, you have broken the law.
- A **red** light means you must stop.

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