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Basic Hand Signalling Techniques

How to signal safely to those moving vehicles around site / yard

Knowing universal hand signals ensures clear, instant communication in noisy environments around lorries and even forklifts.

They help prevent misunderstandings, reduce collision risks, and enhance safety for drivers, marshals, and pedestrians, minimising the chance accidents and injuries in busy loading areas, like those on site, or even in the scaffolding yard, early / late when worker fatigue and light levels are beginning to fade - increasing the risk of accidents.

Here are some Basic Hand Signalling Techniques that **ULTRA ACCESS** finds particularly handy. And of course... these are **ADVISORY ONLY** - and this publication does not replace actual Traffic Marshal (or similar) training, in any way whatsoever...



One Hand Up:

This is generally considered the universal signal for **STOP**, but in a safe and suitable way, as one would expect when moving into an area for loading / unloading.

Two Hands Spread: (forming an outwards cross)

This is generally considered the universal signal for **START / GO**, but again, in a safe and suitable way, as one would expect when moving out of an area for loading / unloading.

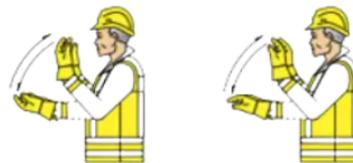


Two Hands Up:

This is generally considered the universal signal for **EMERGENCY STOP**, quickly and with urgency, there could be a risk to life and property, so it's imperative that attention is paid - and reactions are immediate.

Two Hands Out: (moving away and either up / down)

This is generally considered the universal signal for **SLOW DELIBERATE MOVEMENT**, usually to within **5mph** with the hand movements either "pulling" the vehicle closer towards, or further away depending on the the direction the vehicle is required to go.



Not a definitive list of examples by any means, but these could come in handy, for who may need to know them.