

List 188. TRAFFIC SIGNS

As international travel has become more common, the United States has adopted traffic signs that use pictures and symbols. These help overcome language barriers. Understanding traffic signs is important for safety for drivers and pedestrians.

Shapes have meaning. Diamond-shaped signs signify a warning; rectangular signs with the longer dimension vertical provide a traffic regulation; rectangular signs with the longer dimension horizontal contain guidance information; an octagon means stop; an inverted triangle means yield; a pennant means no passing; a pentagon shows the presence of a school; and a circle warns of a railroad crossing.

