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NGE 202 Handsignals

Purpose

To prescribe the rules for giving and responding to handsignals used in the Network.

Principle

Giving handsignals

Handsignals must be given:

- in a clear and timely manner, and
- so that they will be received and acted upon only by those who are being signalled.

A Handsignaller must:

- be in or have access to a safe place, and
- be in clear view of those who are being signalled, and
- as required, have effective communication with Signallers or Protection Officers.

Responding to handsignals

If the meaning of a handsignal is not understood, Drivers and Track Vehicle Operators must stop to find out the meaning.

Drivers and Track Vehicle Operators must:

- obey handsignals, and
 - acknowledge handsignals other than shunting handsignals.
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Handsignalling

Handsignals must be given using:

- flags or hands during daylight, and
- lights during darkness and low visibility.

A handsignal must be continued:

- for the **PROCEED** and **PROCEED AT CAUTION** handsignal, until the cab of the leading rail vehicle has passed the Handsignaller, and
- for **STOP** handsignals, until the rail traffic has stopped.

If at a signal, a Handsignaller must:

- be able to see whether the signal is at **STOP**, and
- if rail traffic is required to stop, give a **STOP** handsignal until rail traffic has stopped.

If the signal being held at **STOP** clears, the Handsignaller must:

- tell the Signaller to set the signal at **STOP**, and
- tell the Protection Officer, if provided.

A Handsignaller must stand well away from signals if:

- rail traffic is not required to stop, or
- not signalling at a signal.

STOP handsignals

Drivers and Track Vehicle Operators must stop their trains or track vehicles if they, or other crew members, receive a **STOP** handsignal given by:

- a red flag, or
 - a red light, or
 - both hands held high.
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ALL CLEAR handsignals

Drivers or Track Vehicle Operators must sound the whistle to acknowledge an **ALL CLEAR** handsignal given by:

- a white light, or
- one hand held high.

DANGER handsignals

Drivers or Track Vehicle Operators must stop their trains or track vehicles immediately if they, or other crew members, receive a **DANGER** handsignal given by vigorous waving of:

- arms, or
- a flag, or
- a light.

General handsignals

The following diagrams show the handsignals that must be used in the Network.

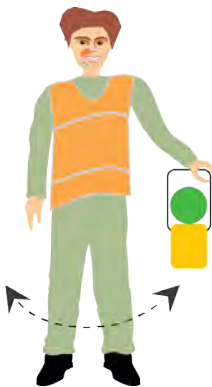
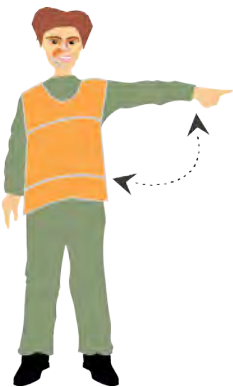
STOP

		
Steady red flag	Steady red light	Both hands held high

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PROCEED AT CAUTION

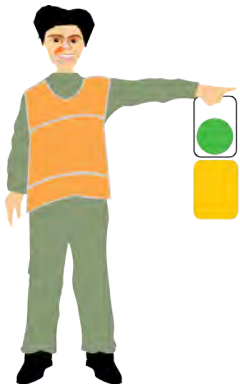
		
Wave green flag slowly	Wave green light slowly	Wave arm slowly

Note

When a **PROCEED AT CAUTION** handsignal:

- is given by an inner Handsignaller protecting a worksite, Drivers or Track Vehicle Operators must, unless otherwise advised by that Handsignaller, not exceed a maximum speed of 25km/h until the rail traffic has passed the worksite limits, or
- is given by other Qualified Workers, Drivers or Track Vehicle Operators must proceed at restricted speed.

PROCEED

	
Steady green flag	Steady green light

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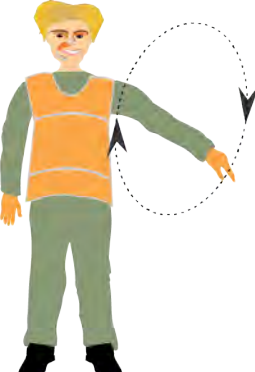
ALL CLEAR - I AM AWARE OF YOUR APPROACH

	
Steady white light	One hand held up

Shunting handsignals

Shunting handsignals must be given as necessary until the end of the planned movement.

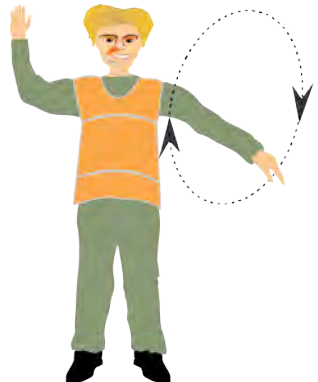
MOVE AWAY

	
Swing white light backwards and forwards beside the body	Move hand and forearm in circular motion

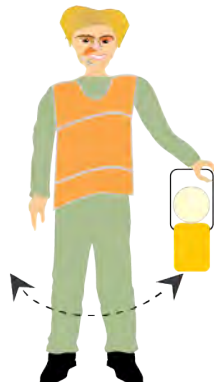
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MOVE AWAY AT CAUTION

	
Swing green light backwards and forwards beside the body	Move one hand and forearm in circular motion, with other hand raised high

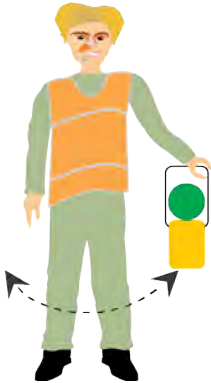
MOVE TOWARDS ME

	
Wave white light slowly	Wave arm slowly overhead

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MOVE TOWARDS ME AT CAUTION

	
Wave green light slowly	Wave one arm slowly over head, with other hand raised high

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