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## ADVICE NOTE ON TRAFFIC LIGHT SEQUENCE





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## INTRODUCTION

This guidance Note is to advise the reader of the prescribed sequence of the traffic light aspects for temporary traffic signal heads.

The correct traffic signal sequence is Green Amber Red and then Red Green in the Republic of Ireland. The correct sequence for temporary traffic light control and permanent traffic light control is specified in the Traffic Signs Manual in Chapter 9 Section 9.2.3.

Other countries may have an Amber light between Red and Green sequence, but this is incorrect for permanent and temporary traffic signal heads in the Republic of Ireland.

This document is to reinforce the responsibilities of the Local Authorities as road authorities for the approval of Temporary Traffic Management. All Local Authorities are empowered to issue binding directions on a range of matters to all persons, including statutory undertakers, carrying out roadworks in the authorities' functional areas.

The Road Authority or Contractor must consult with the Gardaí prior to the implementation of Temporary Traffic Signals.

### 1. *The Legal position.*

The Sequence of temporary traffic lights is specified in Chapter 9, section 9.2.3 of the Traffic Signs Manual. The Traffic Signs Manual has a legal effect as a Ministerial document, in that it is signed off by the Minister of Transport and has legislative meaning.

### 2. *Guideline objective*

The objective of this document is to reinforce the need to follow the legislative prescribed information in the Traffic Signs Manual on the correct sequence for traffic lights and temporary traffic lights.

To highlight the statutory responsibility of the local Authorities to specify the correct traffic management for works on public roads.

To show the correct traffic light signal sequence



## 2.1 Using These Guidelines

Reference for Temporary Traffic Management is through Chapter 8 and Traffic Control is through Chapter 9 for the Traffic Signs Manual.

**Reference Documents include.**

- Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 8 Temporary Traffic Control
- Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 9 Traffic Control

## 2.2 Sign Requirements





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## Appendix

### TRAFFIC SIGNALS FOR TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

9.2.33 Traffic signals for temporary traffic management differ from permanent signals in that they have:

- only one primary signal;
- no secondary signal; and
- no associated road markings (Stop Line).

Additionally, the minimum mounting height is reduced to 1100mm (see Figure 9.14), although the requirements for visibility by approaching traffic shall still be observed.

9.2.34 Only the Red/Amber/Green signal head RTS 001 (standard head), RPC 004 (three aspect pedestrian (signal) and RTS 007 (three aspect cycle signal) are prescribed for temporary signals. No other variants described for permanent signaling shall be used. Temporary traffic signals shall only be used where authorised. Further details are provided in Chapter 8.

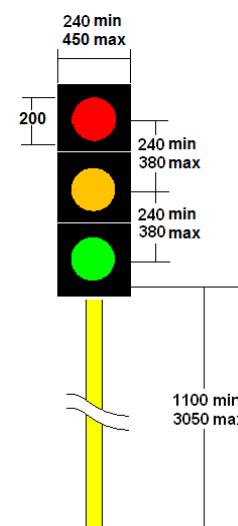


Figure 9.14: Traffic Signal for Temporary Traffic Management





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