

What Are Warning Traffic Signs (Red-White)?

Worksheet

Warning signs are red-white striped and alert drivers to hazards: construction zones, lane closures, sharp curves, pedestrian crossings, slippery roads, falling rocks, and narrow bridges. Reduce speed and stay alert.

Questions

1. Warning sign color and pattern?

- A) Blue and white
- B) Solid red
- C) Red-white striped
- D) Yellow and black

2. Pedestrian crossing warning sign; you're going 80 km/h. What do you do?

- A) Maintain speed; swerve if needed
- B) Reduce speed, watch for people crossing
- C) Speed up to clear the zone
- D) Honk and continue

3. Sharp curve warning with 40 km/h advisory. Must you follow it?

- A) Not if road seems empty
- B) Yes — curve speed is based on road physics
- C) Only at night
- D) Only in rain

4. Red-white construction sign — delays expected. What is the primary risk?

- A) High winds
- B) Sudden lane changes and workers
- C) Toll charges
- D) Fuel shortage

5. Red-white striped sign shows construction ahead. Speed limit was 90 km/h. What do you do?

6. A driver ignores a pedestrian-crossing warning sign and maintains high speed. What is the risk?

7. Slippery road warning (red-white chevron or wet symbol). Conditions ahead?

8. Define: What color are warning traffic signs?

9. Define: What should you do when you see a warning sign?

10. Define: Can you ignore a warning sign if you're an experienced driver?

Answer Key

1. C) Red-white striped — Red-white striped = warning. Blue = mandatory. Yellow = caution. Red-white is most common hazard alert.
2. B) Reduce speed, watch for people crossing — Warning signs require you to slow down and stay alert. Pedestrians can step into roadway suddenly.
3. B) Yes — curve speed is based on road physics — Speed advisories on curves are based on physics/safety, not traffic volume. Ignoring causes loss of control.
4. B) Sudden lane changes and workers — Construction zones involve workers, equipment, and lane changes. Inattention causes collisions.
5. Sign type: warning (red-white striped) Hazard: construction zone Action: REDUCE speed, expect lane changes and workers New speed: 40–60 km/h (per signs), or flow of traffic
6. Sign: pedestrian crossing (red-white) Driver action: ignores, maintains speed Risk: pedestrian steps into path without warning Consequence: collision, injury, legal liability
7. Sign type: warning (red-white) Hazard: wet surface, ice, or loose gravel Action: increase following distance (3+ car lengths), gentle braking Speed: reduce to safe level for conditions
8. Red-white striped. They alert you to hazards and road changes, but don't command action — they inform.
9. Reduce speed, increase alertness, prepare for hazards (curves, construction, pedestrians).
10. No — warning signs indicate real hazards that affect all drivers. Ignoring risks crashes and fines.

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