

# Japan's main road sign quick reference



## Understanding the meaning of signs so you have a safe and enjoyable drive trip

Road signs guide the directions to drivers, alert them to drive safely and let you know what rules to follow. Driving ignoring the traffic rules leads to traffic accidents. Follow the traffic rules to have secure and safe driving trips.

## Regulatory signs

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|  <p><b>Road closed to all</b><br/>All of pedestrians / Vehicles / Trams are not allowed to pass.</p>   |  <p><b>Road Closed to Vehicles</b><br/>Vehicles (Vehicles / Small motor vehicles / Light Vehicles) are not allowed to pass.</p>  |
|  <p><b>No parking or stopping</b><br/>Vehicles are not allowed to stand and park. (The numbers above indicate the time of prohibition, in this case it's from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm)</p>   |  <p><b>No parking</b><br/>Vehicles are not allowed to park. (The numbers above indicate the time of prohibition, in this case it's from 8:00am to 8:00pm)</p>                             |
|  <p><b>Stop</b><br/>The vehicles must pause just before the stop line. When there is no stop line, you must pause before the intersection (sign).</p>  |  <p><b>Slow</b><br/>Vehicles must drive slowly (a speed in which a vehicle stopped immediately).</p>   |
|  <p><b>Maximum speed limit</b><br/>Vehicles may not drive faster than indicated.</p>   |  <p><b>Minimum speed limit</b><br/>Vehicles may not drive slower than indicated.</p>   |
|  <p><b>No vehicles</b><br/>Vehicles are now allowed to enter. (It is often seen at one way exits)</p>  |  <p><b>No right turn crossing ahead</b><br/>Vehicles are not allowed to cross the road. (Vehicles can cross the road with a left turn to enter and exit facilities outside the road)</p> |
|  <p><b>No U-turn</b><br/>Vehicles are not allowed to perform a U-turn.</p>   |  <p><b>No overtaking</b><br/>Vehicles are not allowed to overtake.</p>   |
|       <p><b>Directions permitted</b><br/>Vehicles may not go beyond the direction of the arrows.</p> |   |
|   <p><b>One way</b><br/>Vehicles must follow the direction indicated by the arrow. Travelling the opposite direction is not allowed.</p>  |  <p><b>Dedicated traffic zone</b><br/>It is a dedicated traffic zone for vehicle types displayed on the sign. (In this case, it is dedicated zone for buses)</p>                         |