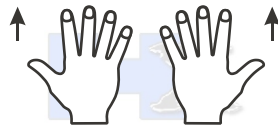


There are many different hand signals used while on the trail and also several variations of them. The illustrations below are common versions of the main hand signals you will need. Regardless of which hand signals you use, it is important that everyone use the same ones.



Stop

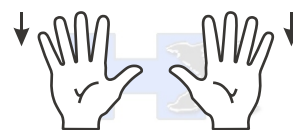
Do not move vehicle until advised to do so.



Forward

Move forward.

Hands held up, palms away from you, fingers gesturing to move forward.



Back

Back up.

Hands held up, palms towards you, fingers gesturing to move back.



Slow

Proceed slowly.

Palm facing down, gesturing downwards, either one or both hands.



Left

Turn steering wheel to the left.



Right

Turn steering wheel to the right.



Up

Vehicle about to start going up.

Often preceded by pointing at wheel, to indicate that wheel is about to go up.



Down

Vehicle about to start going down.

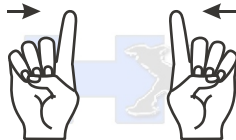
Often preceded by pointing at wheel, to indicate that wheel is about to go down.



Move Slightly

Move slowly and just a small amount.

Usually accompanied by direction.



Distance

Distance left to travel before reaching an obstacle or stopping.

Fingers will move together indicating distance left to travel. When they meet you should stop.



Okay

Everything is okay. Also used to indicate when you have turned the steering wheel enough in a particular direction.



Communicate

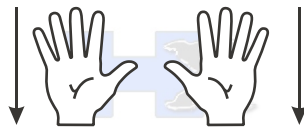
Use agreed upon communications device ie: CB, FRS, etc.



Total Stop

Place vehicle in park if safe to do so and engage parking brake.

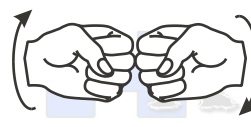
Often accompanied by signal to exit vehicle and look at obstacle.



Back Off

Totally back off obstacle.

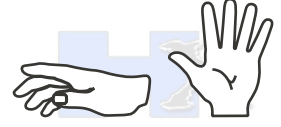
Hands and arms held up, palms towards you, hands and arms gesturing to move back.



Locker

Engage locker, may be accompanied by pointing at front or rear of vehicle.

Fists clenched and rotated against each other.



BTM

Use Brake Throttle Modulation technique.

One palm facing down, one palm facing up.