

(16) Every local authority erecting a traffic sign shall erect the same at such a site, at such a height above the level of the road, and generally in such a position and manner that it shall—

- (a) Not be a source of danger to pedestrian or other traffic;
- (b) Be clearly and readily visible for at least 50 yards before reaching it to the driver of a motor-vehicle approaching it;
- (c) Where practicable be illuminated by the headlights of approaching motor-vehicles;
- (d) Where practicable, appear on the left-hand side of the road to a person approaching the locality to which it is intended to refer, save that a traffic sign in the form of diagram No. 5 may be placed on the reverse of a traffic sign in the form of diagram No. 4 notwithstanding that it may thereby appear on the right-hand side;
- (e) Give persons approaching it sufficient time for its warning or information to have the full value, and where practicable be placed approximately 300 ft. before the place to which it is intended to refer;
- (f) Where not incompatible with the foregoing requirements of this clause, or otherwise impracticable, have its centre at a height of approximately 3½ ft. above the level of the road.

Provided that the requirements of paragraph (f) of this clause shall not apply to signs of Class A.

(17) In every district or part of a district where a system of street-lighting is in existence the local authority shall cause a street-lamp or other lamp to be placed in such a position as adequately to illuminate the face of every traffic sign maintained by any competent controlling authority which refers to conditions normally requiring extra caution after dark as well as by day, or only after dark, and shall cause such lamp to be kept alight during the time in which street-lamps in the locality are for the time being usually kept alight.

(18) No local authority shall erect or maintain, or cause or permit to be erected or maintained, or to be on any road or in any place visible from a road any traffic sign in any of the forms hereinbefore described which is not used solely for denoting some matter or conveying some information hereby authorized to be denoted or conveyed by means of traffic signs.

(19) No person shall, except in the capacity of an employee of the controlling authority, erect or maintain, or cause or permit to be erected or maintained, or to be on any road or in any place visible from a road, any traffic sign, unless authorized thereto by writing under the seal of the controlling authority (being a corporate body) or in writing duly verified by the controlling authority (not being a corporate body) having control of such road.

(20) No person shall erect or maintain, or cause or permit to be erected or maintained, or to be on any road or in any place visible from a road any sign, device, or object liable to be mistaken for a traffic sign of any of the forms hereinbefore described:

Provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing provision of this clause, a sign conveying information as to destinations, routes, or distances, and erected at the date of coming into force of these regulations may be maintained for a period not exceeding two years from the last-mentioned date.

(21) No person shall cause or permit his name or the name of any business carried on by him or the name of any wares dealt with by him to be displayed on a sign which is so erected or maintained that its erection or maintenance constitutes a breach of any provision of this regulation:

Provided that it shall be a defence to any person charged with an offence against this clause if such person proves that the sign was erected and maintained without his knowledge, or that before the date of the offence he gave notice in writing to the occupier of the land on which the sign is erected requiring such occupier forthwith to remove the sign.

(22) No person shall remove, mutilate, obscure, or in any manner damage or interfere with any traffic sign erected under this regulation.

(23) It shall be a defence to any person charged with driving a motor-vehicle at a speed in excess of a speed-limit imposed under Clause (3) of Regulation 15 hereof if such person proves that at the time and place of the alleged offence the traffic signs required by Clause 12 hereof were not duly erected and maintained.

(24) Save as hereinbefore provided the provisions of this regulation shall apply as well to signs of a temporary nature as to those erected in a permanent manner.

REGULATION 17.—HIRING OF MOTOR-VEHICLES.

(1) Every person carrying on the business of letting motor-vehicles for hire (hereinafter referred to as a "garage-proprietor") shall keep a register, and make or cause to be made therein the entries hereinafter referred to.

(2) Neither a garage-proprietor nor any person employed by or acting on behalf of a garage-proprietor shall give delivery to any person of a motor-vehicle let on hire until—

- (a) An entry has been made in the register setting out—
 - (i) The time and date of delivery;
 - (ii) The registered number of the motor-vehicle;
 - (iii) The name of the person to whom delivery is given;
 - (iv) If such person is himself to drive the motor-vehicle, the name of the local authority by whom his driver's license was issued and the date of that license;
 - (v) If any other person is to drive the motor-vehicle, then the name of such person, the name of the local authority by whom his driver's license was issued, and the date of that license;

(b) The garage-proprietor or some person on his behalf has inspected such driver's license and verified the particulars required to be entered in the register;

(c) The foregoing particulars shall have been verified by the signature in the register of the person to whom delivery is given.

(3) If delivery of a motor-vehicle be given elsewhere than at the garage-proprietor's place of business, it shall be sufficient compliance with this regulation if the foregoing particulars and signature be taken on a detached paper and affixed in the register at some time on the same or the following day.

(4) Every garage-proprietor shall, whenever required so to do, produce his register for inspection or copying by any Police Officer or Traffic Inspector, and on ceasing to make further entries in any volume of his register shall deliver the same for custody for one year, and subsequent destruction, to the officer in charge of the police station nearest to his place of business.

(5) This regulation shall not apply to any case in which the garage-proprietor supplies a driver for the motor-vehicle and it is not intended that the motor-vehicle should be driven during the period of hiring by any person other than the driver so supplied.

(6) This regulation shall not apply to any case in which a motor-vehicle is hired under a hire-purchase agreement or for a period exceeding one month.

REGULATION 18.—ACCIDENTS CAUSING DEATH.

(1) If any motor-vehicle is involved in an accident causing or likely to cause the death of any person, the Police Officer or Traffic Inspector (if any) first on the scene of the accident shall furnish a report to the Minister through the Commissioner of Police, or the controlling authority by which the Traffic Inspector was appointed (as the case may be), in the form set forth in the First Schedule hereto, giving details of the accident and all particulars set forth in the form so far as applicable, and so far as such particulars are available.

(2) A copy of the reports of all proceedings before any Coroner arising out of any motor-accident, and of the Coroner's findings relative thereto, shall be forwarded to the Minister by the Under-Secretary of Justice.

REGULATION 19.—OFFENCES AND PENALTIES.

(1) Every person who does or omits, or causes or knowingly permits or suffers to be done or omitted, any act, matter, or thing contrary to the provisions of these regulations, or fails to comply with any requirement hereby imposed on such person, shall be deemed to have committed a breach of these regulations; and if such act, or omission, or failure occurs on more than one day, such person shall be deemed to have committed a separate breach of these regulations on each day on which such act or omission or failure has occurred.

(2) Every person who commits a breach of these regulations shall be liable for every such breach to a fine not exceeding £50.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Motor-vehicles Act, 1924.

Motor-vehicle Regulations, 1928.

Hon. Minister of Public Works.

I HAVE to report the following accident, which resulted in grave injuries [or death] to [Name and address], and which occurred at [Exact locality], as described by sketch on the back hereof. The accident took place at [Time] on the [Date], and in my opinion was caused by

[Further remarks (including recommendations, if any, for the prevention of similar accidents).]

Dated at this day of , 19 .

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Police Officer
[or Traffic Inspector].