

# MOTORCYCLE HAND AND ARM SIGNALS

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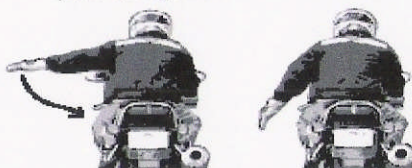
Often during the meeting, **hand signals** are reviewed so that you can communicate with the other riders during the ride. Hand signals are a useful tool to keep the group aware and cohesive on the roadway. Your group is free to determine its own set of signals, but here's a review of some commonly used ones:

## Hand Signals

**Stop** - arm extended straight down, palm facing back



**Slow Down** - arm extended straight out, palm facing down



**Speed Up** - arm extended straight out, palm facing up



**Follow Me** - arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward



**You Lead/Come** - arm extended upward 45 degrees, palm forward pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front



**Single File** - arm and index finger extended straight up



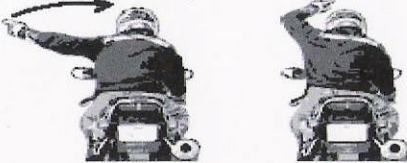
**Double File** - arm with index and middle finger extended straight up



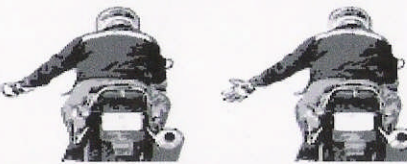
**Hazard in Roadway** - on the right, point with right foot; on the left, point with left hand



**Pull Off** - arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swing toward shoulder



**Turn Signal On** - open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended



**Highbeam** - tap on top of helmet with open palm down



**Fuel** - arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended

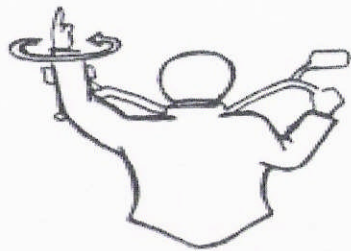


**Refreshment Stop** - fingers closed, thumb to mouth



**Comfort Stop** - forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion

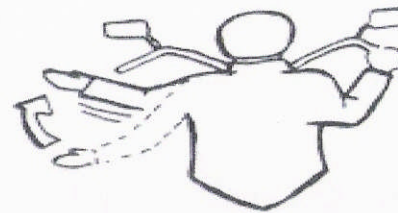




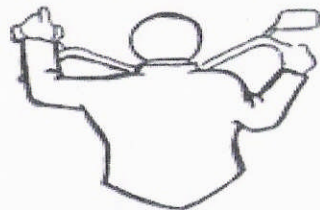
**Start your engines**



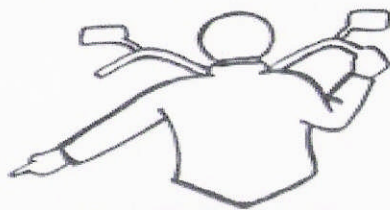
**Stop**



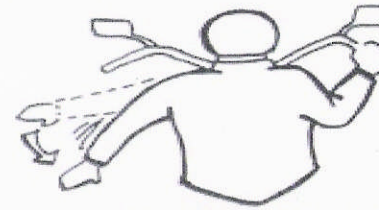
**Go ahead and pass me**



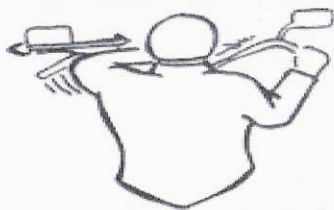
**Bikers ready**



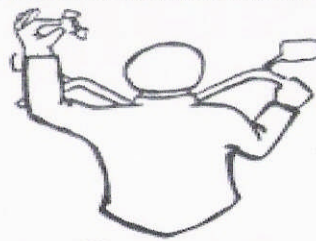
**Hazards on the road**



**Don't pass me**



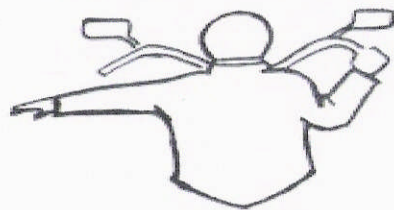
**Stop your engines**



**Turn off your turn signals**



**Single riding**



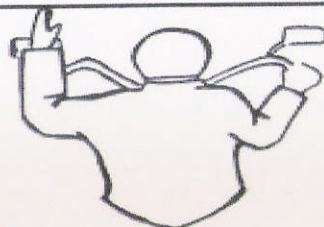
**Left turn**



**Slow down**



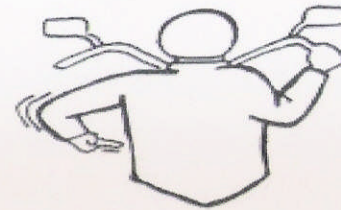
**Staggered riding**



**Right turn**



**Speed up**



**Time for a pit stop**