

UNIT 3 - WARNING SIGNS

ASSIGNMENT

Read and study part II-C, part VII, and part VIII of the MUTCD and part II-C and part VII of the North Carolina Supplement to the MUTCD. Answer review questions. Take and pass the written test.

KEY POINTS

Warning signs are used to warn traffic of existing or potentially hazardous conditions on or adjacent to a highway.

The use of warning signs should be kept to a minimum because the unnecessary use of them to warn of apparent conditions tends to breed disrespect for all signs.

Generally, warning signs are diamond-shaped with a black legend and border on a yellow background.

Warning signs should provide adequate time for the driver to perceive, identify, decide, and perform any necessary maneuver. At a minimum, warning signs should be installed per the criteria set forth in *Table II-1 - A Guide For Advance Warning Sign Placement Distance* which is found on page 2C-2a of the MUTCD.

Obsolete or inappropriate signs such as the nonstandard *Dangerous Intersection* or *Caution-Children at Play* should be removed.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1) What is the purpose of a warning sign?

- 2) Most warning signs are diamond-shaped and have a black legend on a yellow background.

TRUE FALSE

- 3) Warning signs primarily benefit the driver who is acquainted with the road.

TRUE FALSE

- 4) What recommended speed determines the use of a *Turn* sign verses a *Curve* sign?

_____ mph

- 5) What is the minimum size of the *Chevron Alignment* sign?

_____ inches by _____ inches

- 6) What is the standard size of most diamond-shaped warning signs?

_____ inches by _____ inches

- 7) What is the intended use of the *Cross Road* sign?

- 8) What is the only warning sign that has its use determined by state law?

ANSWERS TO REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1) Warning signs are used when it is deemed necessary to warn traffic of existing or potentially hazardous conditions on or adjacent to a highway a street. (*Page 2C-1 of the MUTCD*)
- 2) True (*Page 2C-1 and 2C-2 of the MUTCD*)
- 3) False (*Page 2C-2 of the MUTCD*)
- 4) 30 mph or less (*Page 2C-3 of the MUTCD*)
- 5) 12 inches by 18 inches (*Page 2C-5 of the MUTCD*)
- 6) 30 inches by 30 inches (*Page 2C-3 thru 2C-7 of the MUTCD*)
- 7) It is intended for use on a through highway to indicate the presence of an obscured crossroad intersection. (*Page 2C-6 of the MUTCD*)
- 8) W11-4; Cattle crossing (*GS # 136-33.1*)