

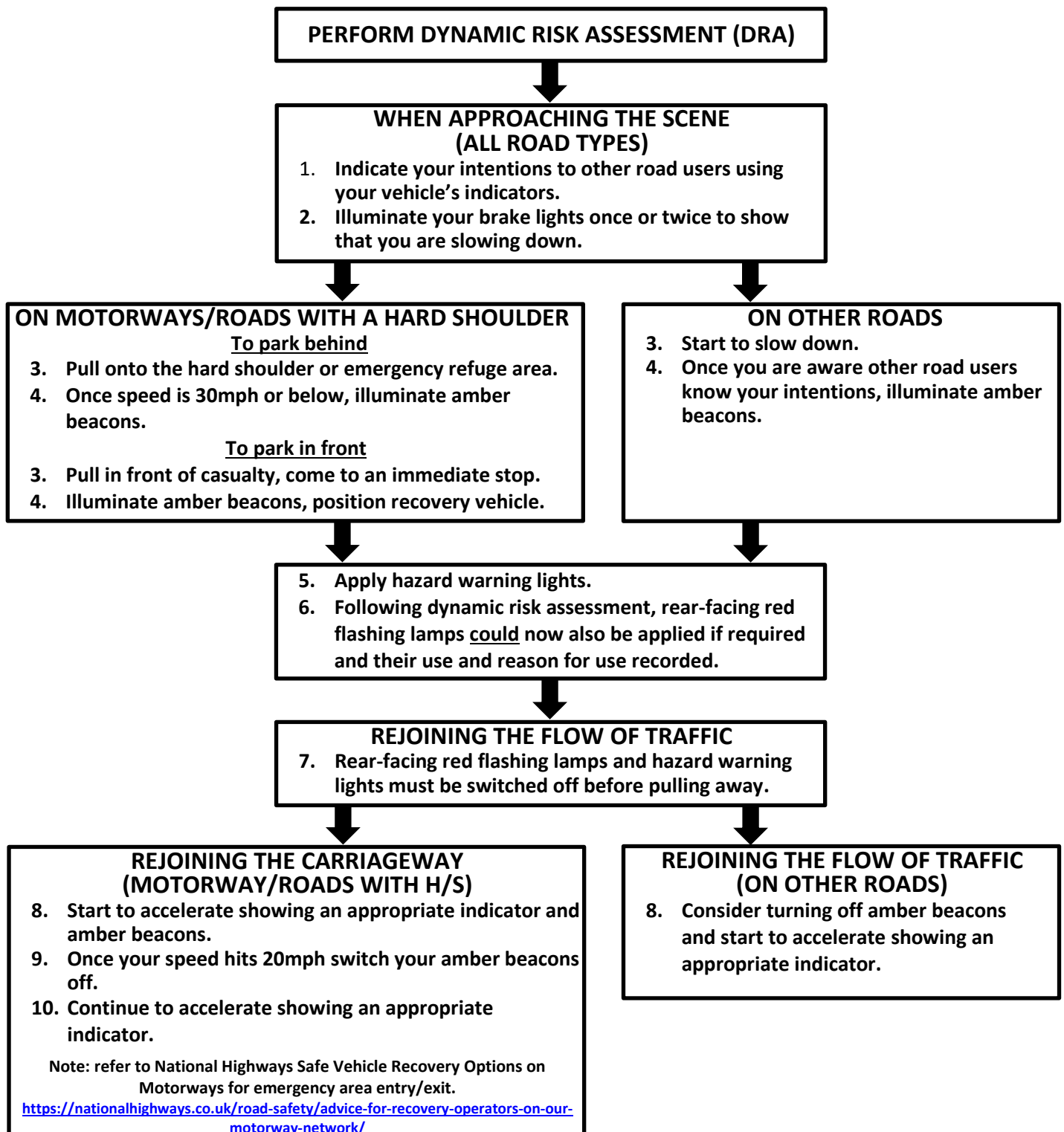


Scope: Guidance for roadside rescue and recovery operators and roadside tyre technicians to fit and use beacons/rear-facing red flashing lamps on breakdown vehicles.

Reason: Trained technician guidance relating to using beacons/lamps in breakdown, tyre related incident and RTC situations.

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Important: Technicians must be trained in a use of warning beacons and lights course approved by PROSE. All operators should additionally comply with the DfT document – ‘Guidance for roadside rescue and recovery operators on Orders issued under Section 44 of the Road Traffic Act to fit and use rear-facing red flashing lamps on breakdown vehicles’





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BEACONS AND REAR-FACING RED FLASHING LAMPS WHEN SHOULD THEY BE USED

Amber Beacons	Rear-Facing Red Flashing Lamps
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Following a dynamic risk assessment (DRA).2. As you pull up and at the scene of a breakdown, tyre related incident or road traffic collision.3. When it is necessary or desirable to warn motorists of the presence of the vehicle.4. While they are being used in connection with, and in the immediate vicinity of, a breakdown, tyre related incident or road traffic collision.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Following a dynamic risk assessment (DRA).2. At the scene of a breakdown, tyre related incident or road traffic collision.3. When it is necessary or desirable to warn motorists of the presence of breakdown, recovery or tyre technicians working on or near a live carriageway.4. Their use should be limited to mainly hard shoulders and fast-moving carriageways.5. Whilst parked on a hard shoulder in normal circumstances rear-facing red flashing lamps would not be required unless the technician's dynamic risk assessment highlights one or more mitigating factors e.g. poor weather conditions affecting visibility.6. They must NEVER be used when the vehicle is in motion.7. They can only be used by operators that hold a DfT Vehicle Special Order.

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*** Where additional hazards are identified and following a DRA process, if deemed necessary, rear facing red flashing lamps may be displayed in conjunction with amber beacons and their use and reason for use recorded.**