

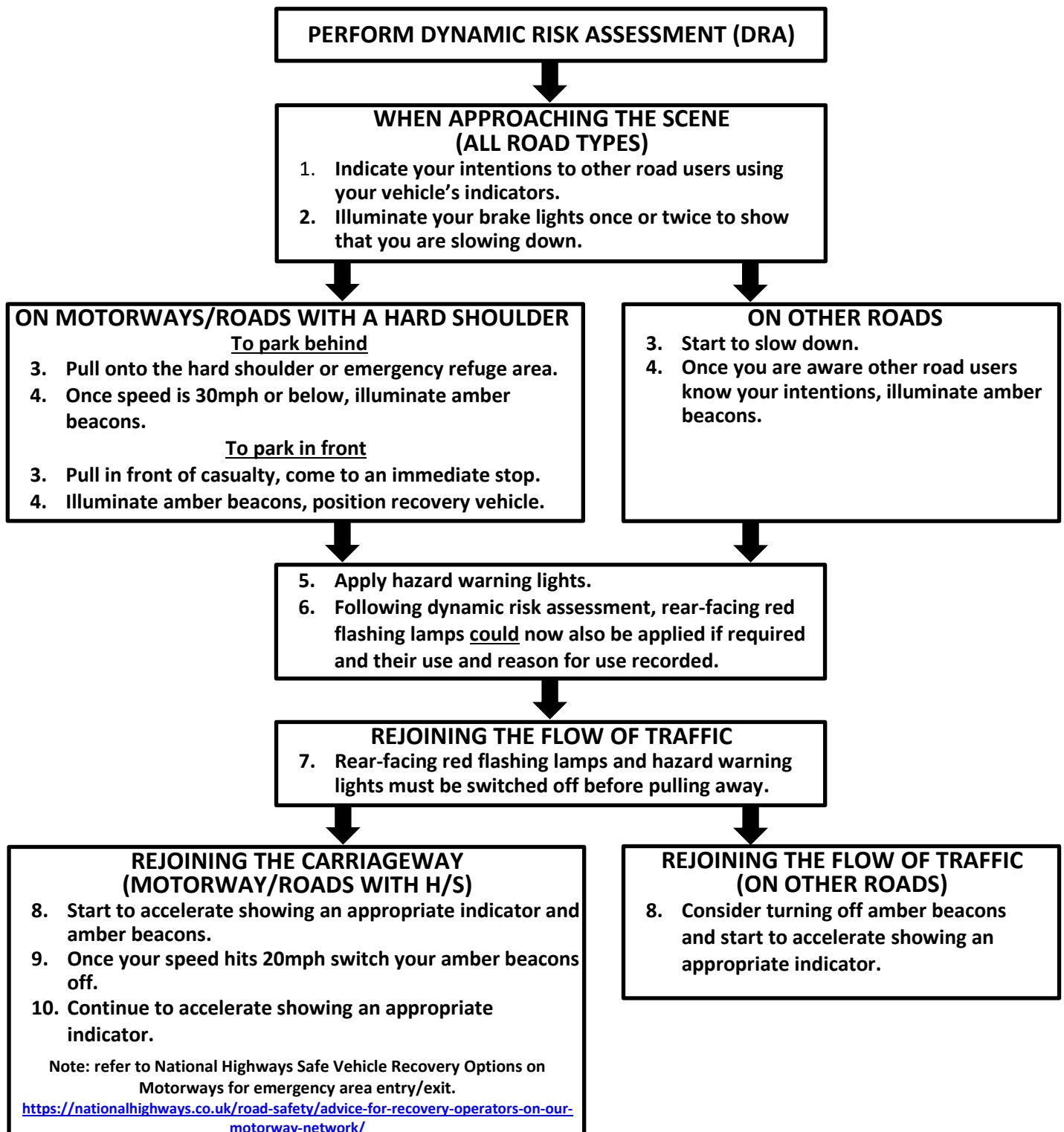


**Scope:** Guidance for roadside rescue and recovery operators and roadside tyre technicians to fit and use beacons/rear-facing red flashing lamps on breakdown vehicles.

**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 agreed 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"><li>1. Following a dynamic risk assessment (DRA).</li><li>2. As you pull up and at the scene of a breakdown, tyre related incident or road traffic collision.</li><li>3. When it is necessary or desirable to warn motorists of the presence of the vehicle.</li><li>4. While they are being used in connection with, and in the immediate vicinity of, a breakdown, tyre related incident or road traffic collision.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Following a dynamic risk assessment (DRA).</li><li>2. At the scene of a breakdown, tyre related incident or road traffic collision.</li><li>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.</li><li>4. Their use should be limited to mainly hard shoulders and fast-moving carriageways.</li><li>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.</li><li><b>6. They must NEVER be used when the vehicle is in motion.</b></li><li>7. They can only be used by operators that hold a DfT Vehicle Special Order.</li></ol>

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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.**