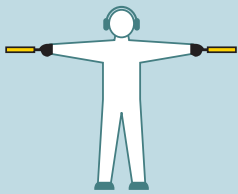




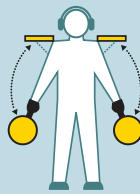
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In many cases the speed of arm movement indicates the rate/urgency.



## HOVER

Arms horizontally sideways, palms downward.



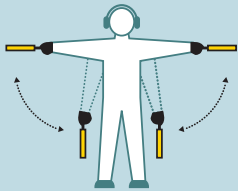
## MOVE BACKWARDS

Arms by sides, palms facing forward, arms swept forward and upward repeatedly to shoulder height.



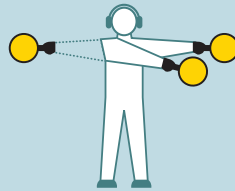
## STOP

Arms repeatedly crossed above the head.



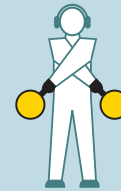
## MOVE DOWNWARD

Arms extended horizontally sideways, with palms turned down, beckoning downwards.



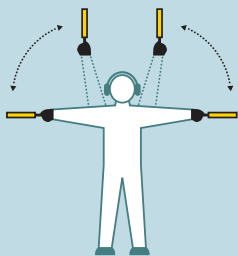
## MOVE SIDWAYS

Either arm placed horizontally sideways, then the other arm moved in front of the body to that side, in the direction of the required movement; repeated several times.



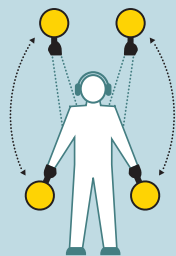
## LAND

Arms placed down and crossed in front of the body.



## MOVE UPWARD

Arms extended horizontally sideways, with palms up, beckoning upward.



## MOVE AHEAD

Arms repeatedly moved upward and backward beckoning onward.



## CUT ENGINE(S)

Either arm and hand placed level with the chest, then moved laterally with the palm downwards.

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