

Busy Intersections |
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(IMAGE)

An animated car is seen driving along an animated roadway. The roadway turns into an urban area, with stoplights and multiple lanes and turn lanes. More traffic appears. Then the intersection is seen from above. Cars move through the intersection and the traffic light turns yellow, then red. A turn lane sign appears.

(Announcer: Male voice)

Intersections or more heavily traveled roads are more complicated than those in residential neighborhoods. You could be dealing with more than one turning lane, left turns with arrows, and of course, more traffic to navigate.

Enter into the intersection only if there is space to get all the way through before the light turns red. Be sure to observe the lane signs to know which turn lane is correct. On city roads, there may be signs painted on the actual road. On busier roads, the signs may be above the intersection.

(IMAGE)

An intersection is seen from driver's perspective. Traffic lights are above, and directional turn lanes are highlighted on the roadway. Then, turn lane signs appear under the traffic lights. Then the scene is replaced with an arrow.

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Determine if the arrow is fresh or stale. Stale means it is ready to disappear.

(IMAGE)

Two cars appear. Above one is a shoe on a brake pedal, an accelerator pedal next to it. Above the other is a traffic light. One car responds to the light turning to green to drive off. The other car waits until it gets a green light, and then the shoe moves from the brake pedal to the accelerator as the car proceeds.

(Announcer: Male voice)

When there is left turn lane with an arrow, determine if the arrow is fresh or stale. Stale means it is ready to disappear. If that's the case, cover the brake and be prepared to stop when the light changes. When the light turns green, that means prepare to go when cross traffic has completely cleared the intersection.

(IMAGE)

An intersection is seen from above. Two turn lanes are highlighted. A car appears and uses one of the turn lanes. The proper path is highlighted and the car drives along it.

(Announcer: Male voice)

If there are two left turn lanes, know ahead of time which lane to be in, and stay in that lane throughout the entire turn. For example, if you start on the inside turn lane, you need to end on the inside turn lane after the turn.

(IMAGE)

Cars are seen traveling in opposite directions through an intersection seen from above. One car enters the turn lane and makes a left.

(Announcer: Male voice)

At times, you may need to make a left turn using a shared turn lane. Cars coming from the opposite direction may also use this lane to make their left turns. If you are in a shared left turn lane, you'll need to signal first, and check to make sure the lane is open all the way. When there's a break in traffic, enter the lane and turn.

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About Roundabouts

(IMAGE)

A roundabout is seen from above. Multiple cars are seen entering and leaving the roundabout.

(Announcer: Male voice)

About roundabouts -- modern roundabouts are circular intersections with no stop signs or traffic lights where traffic must travel in one direction around a central, elevated island. Traffic entering the circle must slow down and yield the right-of-way to drivers already in the roundabout. Drivers then exit the roundabout at their desired street.

(IMAGE)

A speed limit sign icon appears with a speed limit of 20.

(Announcer: Male voice)

The circular shape of roundabouts is designed to control the direction of traffic and reduce speeds to 15 to 20 miles per hour. Roundabouts not only reduce traffic, they also lessen the likelihood of T-bone and head-on collisions.

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Turning Right on Red

(IMAGE)

A sign forbidding right turns on red appears. Next, a view of an intersection is seen from above. A car's inability to see an approaching car because a tree is blocking the view is indicated. More cars pass. Pedestrians appear to the right of the car that is waiting to make a turn, then the whole scene disappears.

(Announcer: Male voice)

Turning right on red-- in some states, it's legal to turn right on a red light. Look to see if there is a sign that does not allow a right turn on red after making sure it's safe to proceed. If you can't see far enough to turn safely, don't turn. If there's a car in the left lane, even if the right lane is clear, wait until the road is completely clear. That car could easily change lanes into the right

lane, and you could hit them when trying to turn right. Always look for pedestrians crossing the street, even if they proceed when they shouldn't.

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