

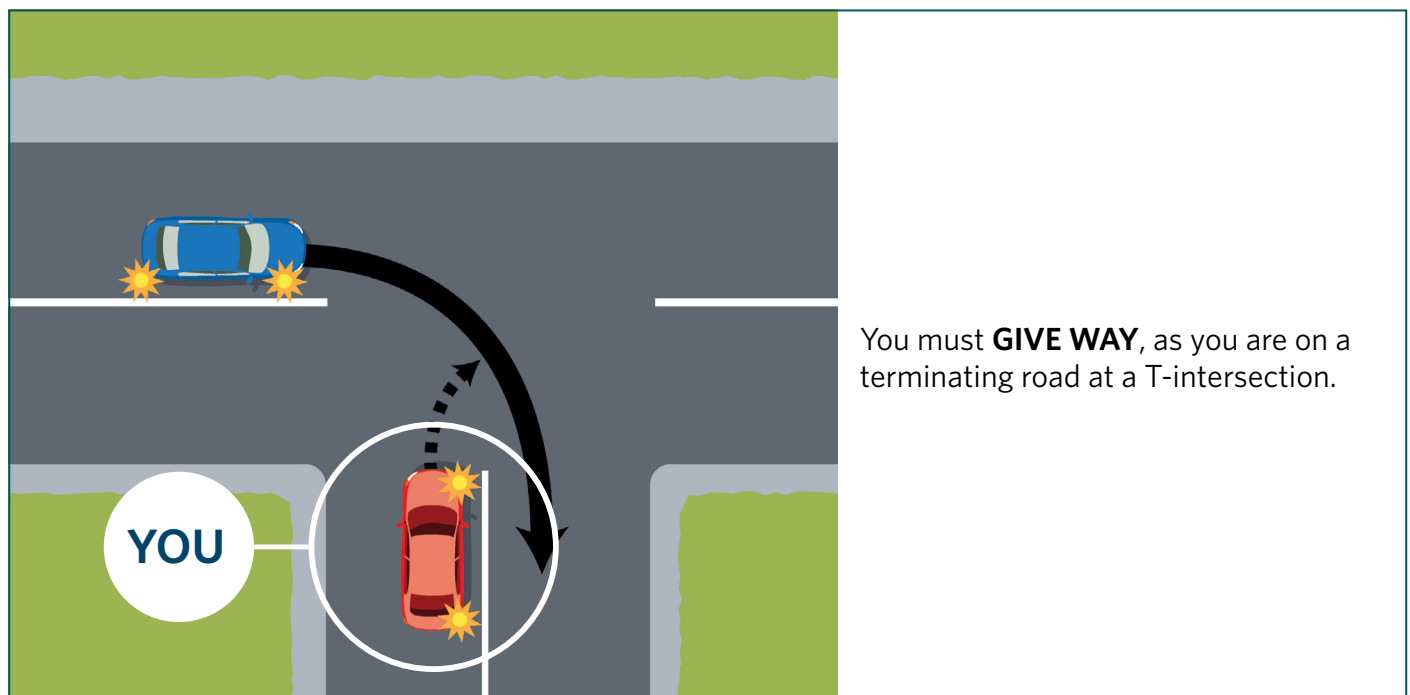
ROAD RULES REFRESHER

GIVING WAY - INTERSECTIONS

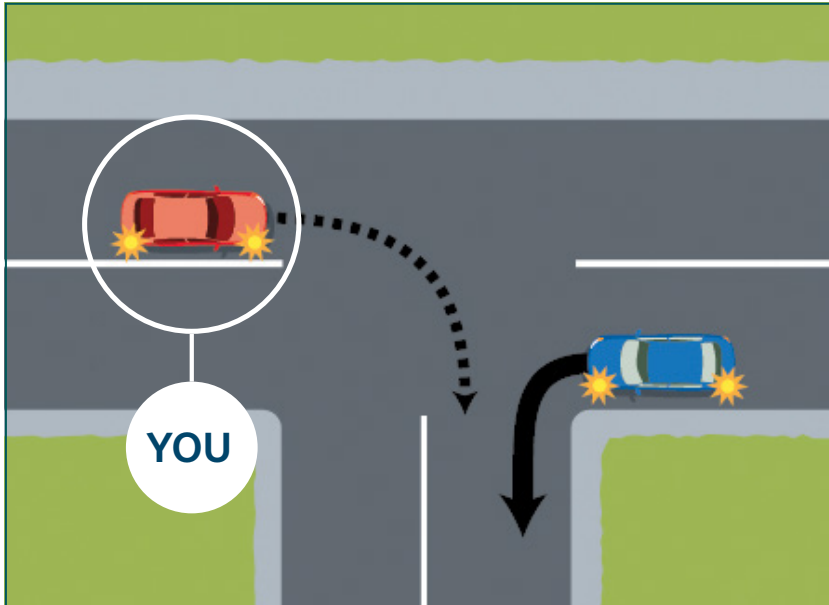
Two of the give way rules changed on 25 March 2012. Here's an explanation of the two new rules and a refresher of the other give way rules that didn't change.

The two new give way rules

Uncontrolled T-intersection rule - all traffic from a terminating road (bottom of the T shape) should give way to all traffic on a continuing road (top of the T shape). Note: 'Uncontrolled' means there are no signs or signals telling you what to do.

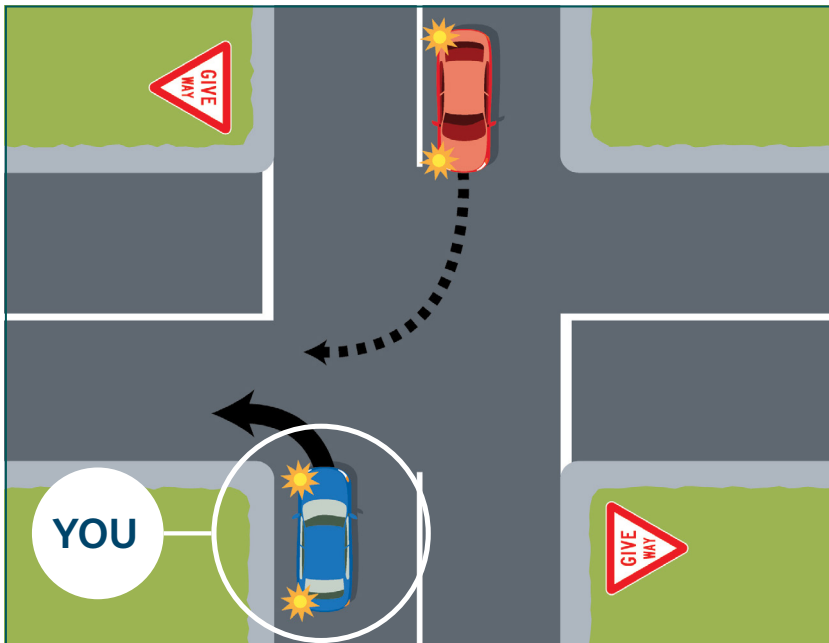


Left turn versus right turn rule – all traffic turning right should give way to a vehicle coming from the opposite direction and turning left. This applies at crossroads, T-intersections and driveways where both vehicles are facing



Example 1

You must **GIVE WAY**, as you are turning right and the other vehicle is turning left.



Example 2

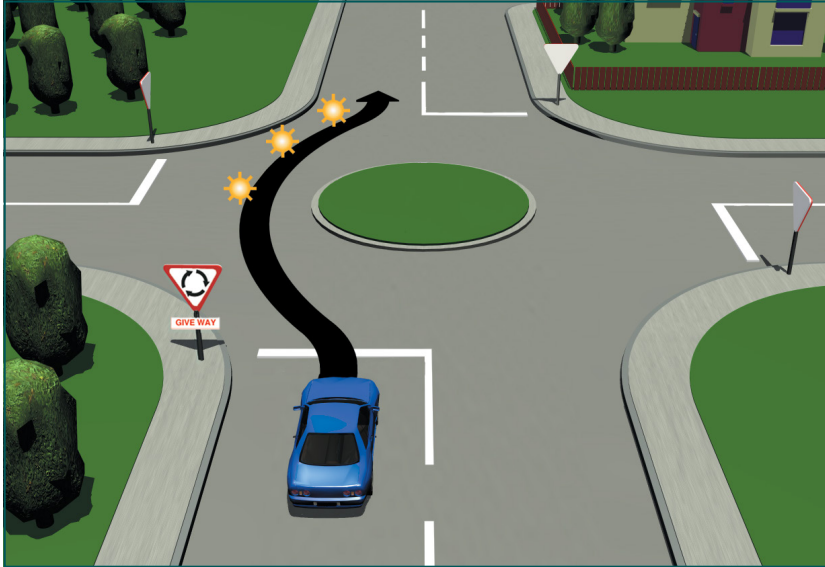
You may proceed, as you are turning left and the other vehicle is turning right.

The rules that have stayed the same

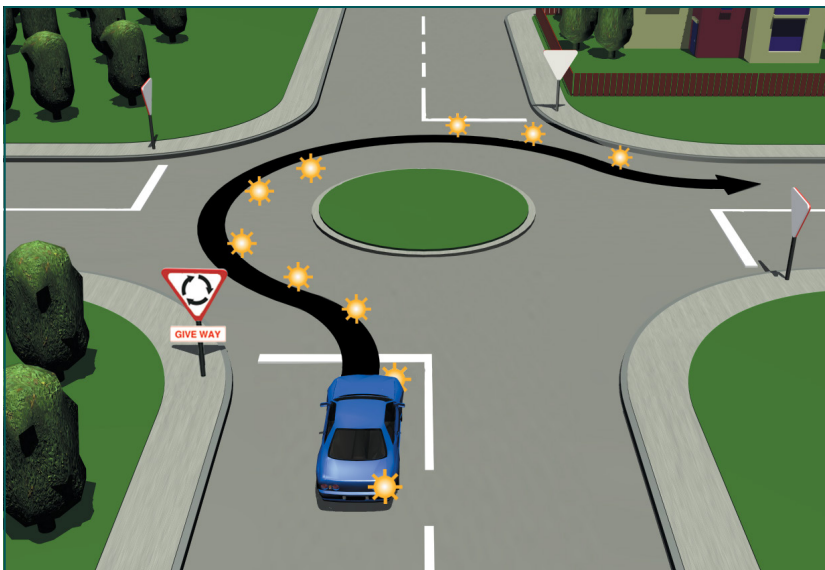
- Road users should continue to obey all road signs and signals.
- If you are turning, give way to all vehicles not turning.
- If all other give way rules (or signs and signals) do not determine who gives way, give way to vehicles coming from your right, eg at crossroads controlled by traffic signals, when the signals have failed and all approaches have a flashing yellow light.

SIGNALLING - ROUNDABOUTS

Single-lane roundabout



Driving straight :
indicate left when exiting.



Turning right :
first indicate right, then left to exit.



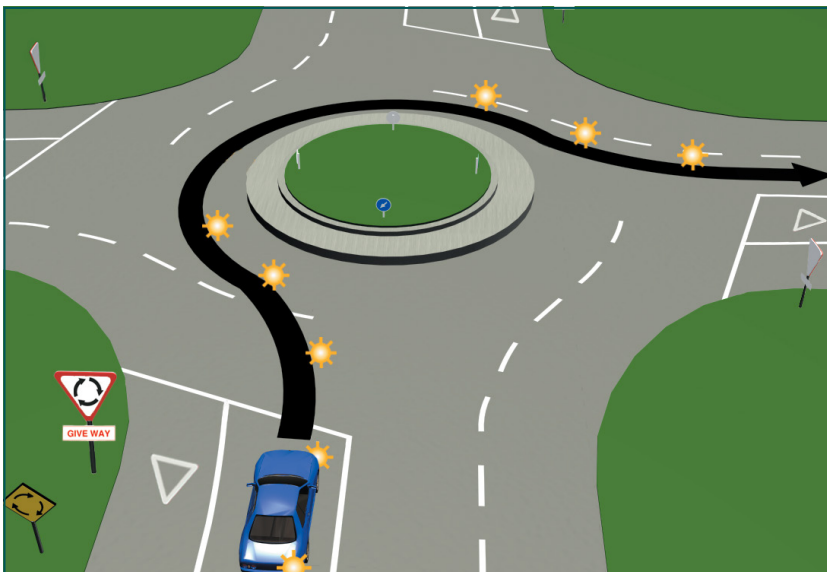
Turning left :
indicate left before turning.

Multi-lane roundabout



Driving straight :

indicate left when exiting.
Stay in the same lane throughout.



Turning right :

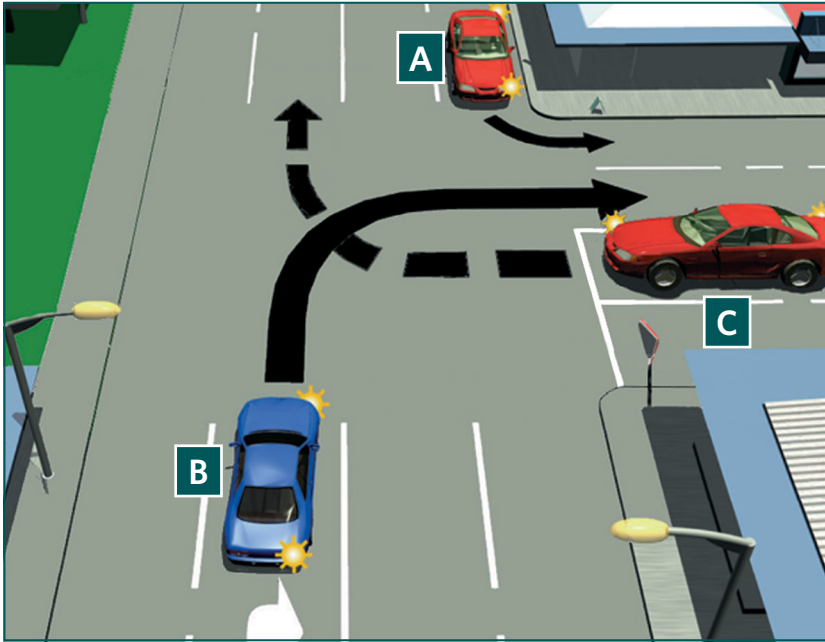
first indicate right, then left to exit.
Stay in the same lane throughout.



Turning left :

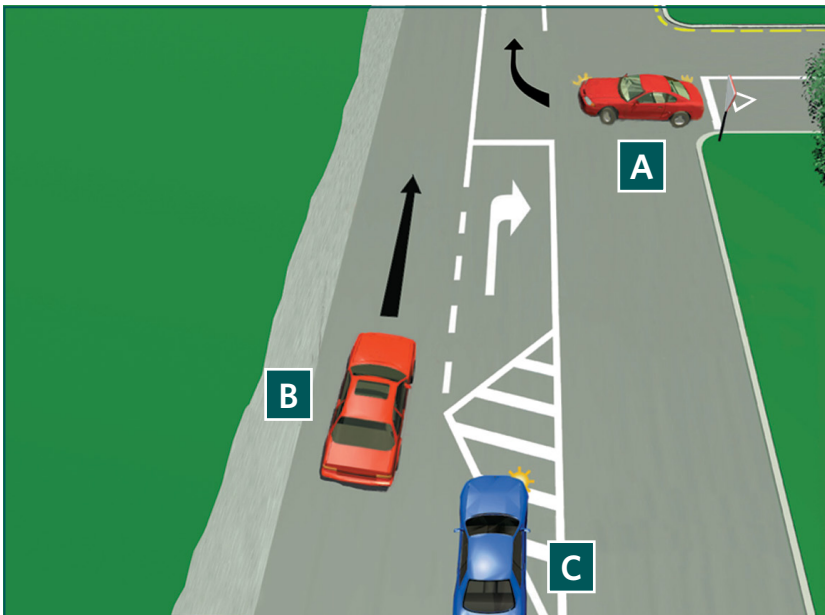
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CORRECT USE OF LANES, BAYS AND FLUSH MEDIANS



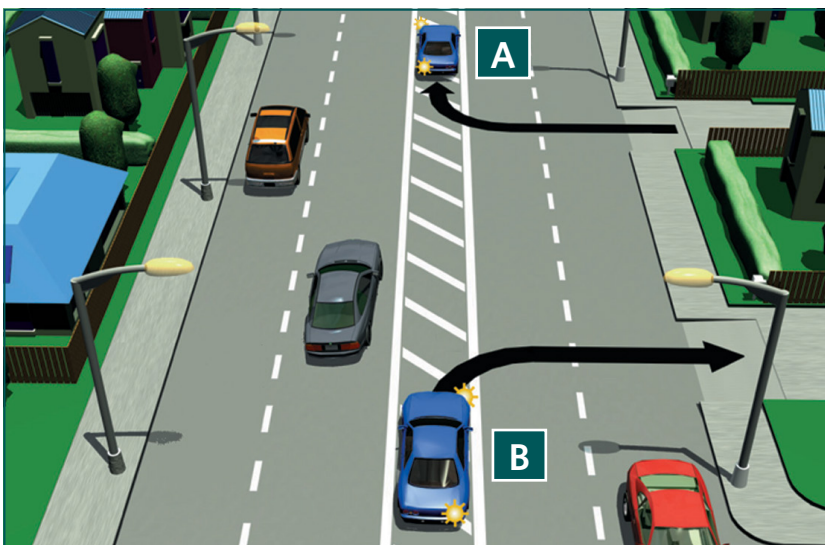
Correct use of lanes when turning

- A When turning left into a multi-laned road from a lane adjacent to the kerb, you must turn into the left-hand lane of the new road.
- B When turning right into a multi-laned road from a lane adjacent to the centre line, you must turn into the right-hand lane of the new road.
- C Turn from a right-hand lane to a right-hand lane. Check behind and to the left before merging.



Correct use of right-turn bays

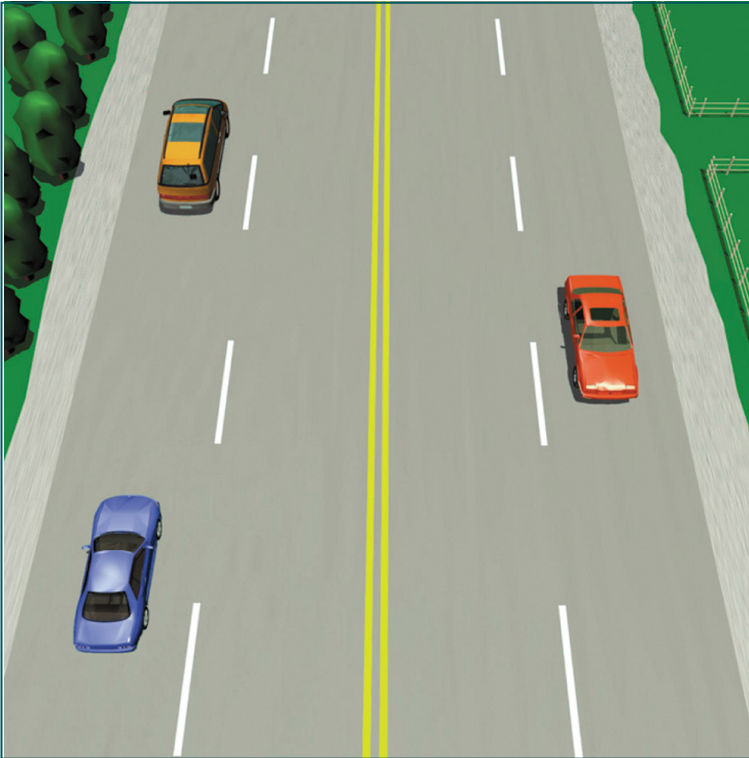
- A You may enter the merging lane nearest the centre of the road, then indicate your intention to merge left.
- B Proceed straight ahead, and watch to your right for merging traffic.
- C Indicate a right turn before you drive across the white diagonal lines into the right-turn bay.



Correct use of flush median when turning

- A Turn right into a flush median to wait for a safe gap, before merging with traffic.
- B Use the median to wait to turn right. Keep the front wheels pointing straight ahead while you wait to turn.

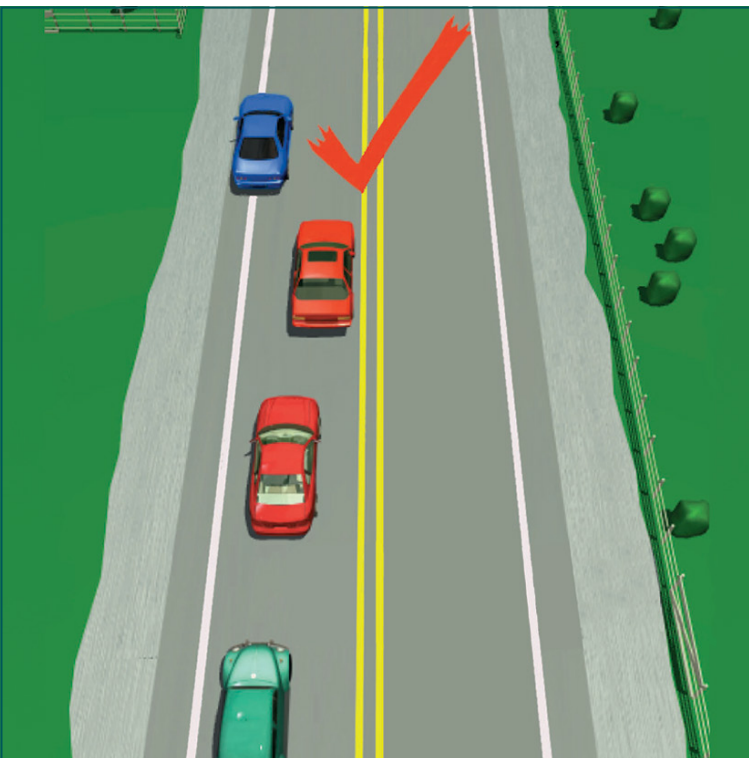
HIGHWAY DRIVING



Two-lane roads

Keep to the left lane.

Don't use the right-hand lane unless you are about to turn right or pass a vehicle in the left lane.

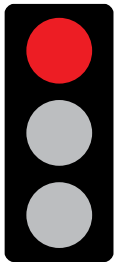


Single-lane roads

You may drive across the left-hand white lane marking if it is safe to do so and you are holding up following traffic.

You may pass a slower vehicle at 'no passing' lines if you stay to the left of the yellow lines and you have 100 metres of clear visibility throughout the whole manoeuvre.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS



MUST STOP



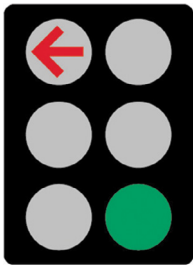
STOP
(UNLESS TOO CLOSE)



FAULTY LIGHTS!
APPLY THE
GIVE WAY RULES



GO
(IF SAFE)



Left turning

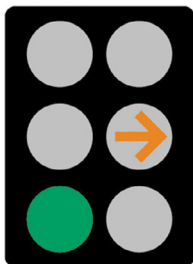
Must STOP

Straight ahead

GO (if safe)

Right turning

GO but must give way to oncoming traffic, including left-turning traffic and pedestrians



Left turning

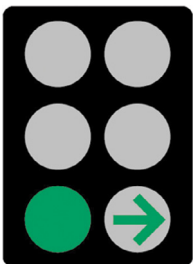
GO, but must give way to pedestrians crossing the road

Straight ahead

GO (if safe)

Right turning

Must STOP (if safe)



Left turning

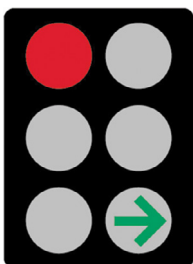
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Straight ahead

GO (if safe)

Right turning

GO - oncoming traffic should stop



Left turning

Must STOP

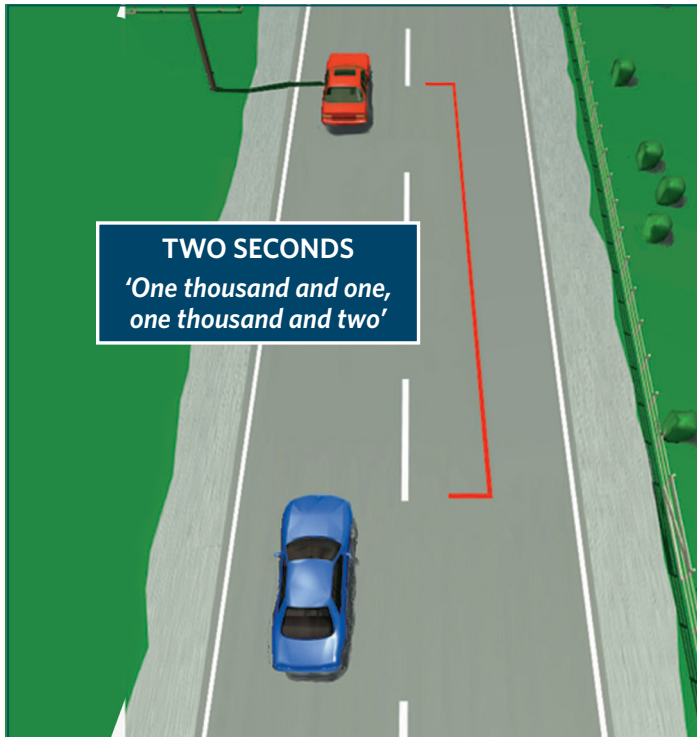
Straight ahead

Must STOP

Right turning

GO - oncoming traffic should stop

FOLLOWING DISTANCE AND SAFETY ON THE HIGHWAY



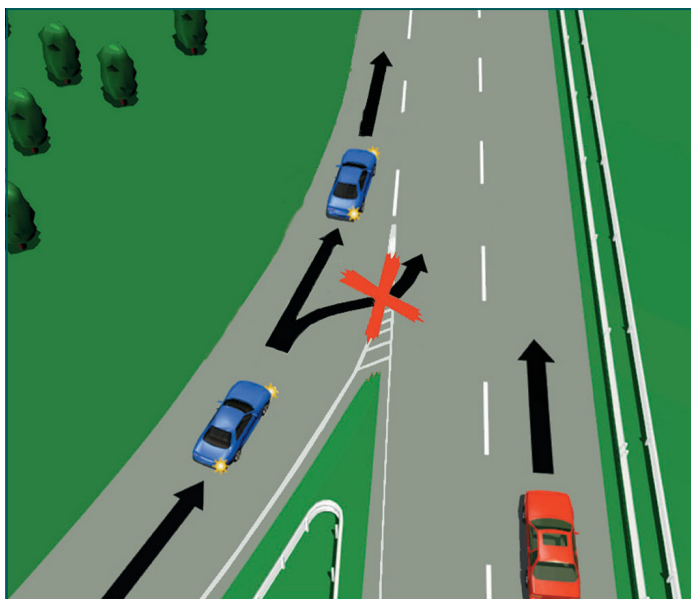
Safe following distance

When following another vehicle travelling at the same speed, watch as that vehicle passes a fixed object (for example, a lamppost). Start counting **'one thousand and one, one thousand and two'**.

If you pass the object before you finish saying **'two'**, you are following too close.

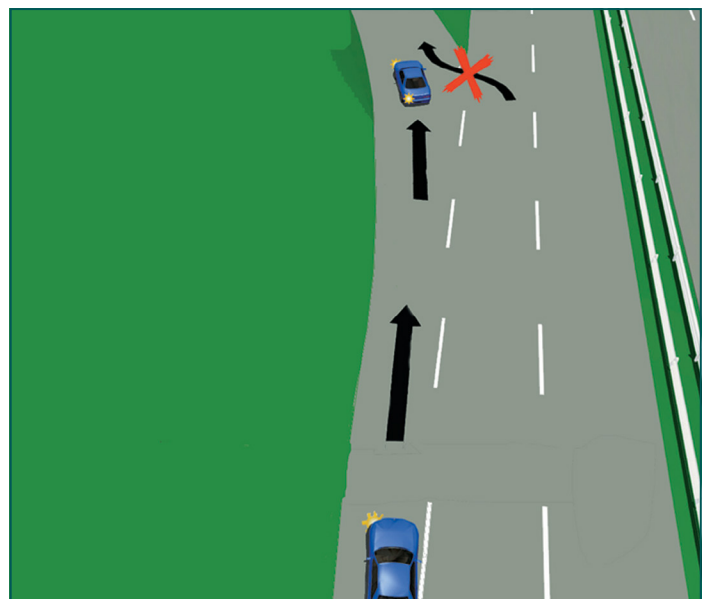
This **two-second rule** works equally well at any speed.

In bad weather, increase the distance to **four** seconds.



Merging with highway traffic

- Use the whole of the on-ramp to adjust your speed to match the traffic on the highway.
- Indicate your intention to merge.
- Check your blind spot by turning your head.



Exiting from the highway

- Maintain your speed while indicating your intention to enter the off-ramp.
- Use the off-ramp or exit lane to slow down.