

**Practice items in the DMV & Parent Teen Handbook available at the DMV.
NOTE: U-Turns, 3Pt. Turnabouts, Parallel Parking and Freeways are no longer
On the DMV test as we focus our 6 hours of the DMV Examiner's main points.**

LANE CHANGES

(S.M.O.G.) (Never close to a green light intersection!)
Take 5 seconds... Do "sweeping motion:
From rear view mirror to blind spot!
SIGNAL ~ (And slightly faster by 1 mile)
MIRRORS ~ (Rear view 80% view) & (a side view 10%)
OVER ~ (Shoulder quickly for blind spot only- 10%)
GO ~ (Take the clear & open lane change quickly!)
*It must be safe IF you did the S.M.O.G. correctly! **Is it!?***

UNCONTROLLED INTERSECTIONS

LOOK (BUT DON'T SLOW) at a 3-Way ("T" section)
LOOK ahead 200 ft. for the ("4 way" intersection!)
BE SMART... Think of this as a 4 way stop but
without the stop signs!! **CROSS TRAFFIC MAY NOT
BE LOOKING SO YOU HAVE TO! BEFORE YOU
ENTER THESE VERY DANGEROUS (Death) SECTIONS!!
SO, GET READY... COVER the Brake but don't
DROP your speed too much. Look for "the intersections
cross traffic's "SIDE OF THEIR STOP SIGNS" and/or
"WHITE LIMIT LINES" on their side for a clue!
(KNOW YOUR REAR VIEW MIRROR TRAFFIC)
COVER BRAKE and get your "Back" off the seat & look!
CHECK that cross traffic!
THINK left, right, left, right and can I make it safely!
IF IT'S SAFE, GO or YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY!**

BACKING AND PARKING

(See Parent/Teen Handbook!)
SIGNAL to park REDUCE SPEED and
DRIFT into parking lane with right TIRE
on the SEAM or CRACK, 18" from curb
(use a reference point on hood or window)
to position vehicle about 18" from curb and
onto seam/crack) ROLL on SEAM or CRACK
STOP with tires still on or just barely to the left
of (seam or crack) LEFT HAND ON TOP OF
STEERING WHEEL!! TURN to look out the
back window (use a reference point on the
rear window) to maintain tire positioning on
SEAM or CRACK BARELY RELEASE THE
PRESSURE ON THE BRAKE WIGGLE THE WHEEL
no more than 2"-3" back and forth while backing
VERY SLOWLY (about 2-3 mph) or at walking speed.
STAY STRAIGHT as possible without deviating more
than foot of the SEAM or CRACK

TURNING LANES

Look for entering a right turn lane, 200' before the corner
OR for a left turning lane with a Yellow (broken line) and
(S.M.O.G.) for either lane change procedure (Right of Left)
from your driving lane.
If it's a Right Turn, enter at least 2 tires, (200' before) over
the White Line (solid or broken) and WATCH for oncoming
cars who have the may not yield to your right-of-way and
enter before you do.
GET your vehicle quickly into the turn lane.
IF safe, continue your "roll and GO" while JUDGING OTHER
VEHICLE'S DISTANCE, SPEED and a possible YIELD Situation!

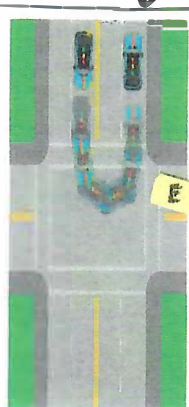
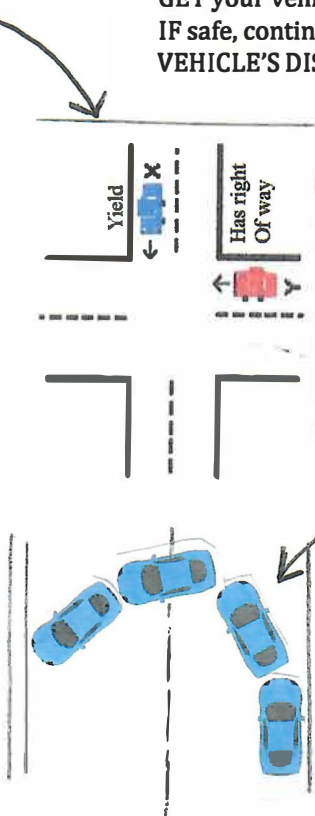
THREE POINT TURN or TURNABOUTS

Park Car
Do S.M.O.G.

PT. 1 - Turn Wheel all the way to the left,
quickly and cross the Road
2'-4' from the curb at an angle
Stop. Keep looking both ways while
you put vehicle into reverse.
(Signal will shut off automatically)

PT. 2 - Turn Wheel (All The Way Right)
Keep looking both ways and behind you
as you back up but just 3'-4', just enough
to start the 3rd part of the 3-point turn

PT. 3 - Turn Wheel (All The Way Left)
Quickly & Safely get up to traffic speed
Especially if a car is actually coming!



U-TURNS (P.A.C.E.)

Pull alongside the right side next to the solid
white line, as if parking by the curb (18")
(Know your rear-view traffic)
Accelerate SLOWLY, for your slow starting,
turning speed! (Stay straight about 5 feet.
Crosswalk or Tip of Concrete Island - where
your front tires should be just in the crosswalk
and then do a QUICK, FULL turn of the wheel.
(Quick hand-over=hand turning!!!)
Extra careful!! Watch for TURNING CAR on left
corner. Half way through the turn, a little more
pull away speed and aim for the far outside lane. GO.
(IF YOU MISJUDGE ANYTHING AND BRAKE,
A REARENDER IS AWAITING YOU!)

**“WE USE THE “THINKING OUT LOUD” METHOD OF INSTRUCTING”
(TALKING YOU THROUGH ALMOST ALL SITUATIONS OVER THESE 4 LESSONS)**

Check... Tires, seat, rear view side view mirrors (left side is shared with the instructor), seat belts, tilt, wipers, horn, headlights, emergency flashers, turn signals, brake lights, taillights, and back-up lights.

Braking Levels: A: Smooth and steady SQUEEZE MOTION to a stop... (Use the push the “imaginary car” thru method). B: Quick FIVE SECOND controlled push... (A steady deceleration). C: Faster SUDDEN traffic (biker, skateboarder or moving car) adjustment! (Must React Now!) D: EMERGENCY slamming hard on brake! (KNOW YOUR MIRROR, TOO!)

We talk you through a YELLOW LIGHTS... Don't go for the brake unless we (or your family) tell you!

Intersections: (AKA “Death sections”) Know 2 ways vs. 4 ways and how crosswalks at a 2-WAY are misleading and dangerous! Looks like a 4-way! Defensively, read the road & (see side of) stop signs!

S. I.P.D.E: Chapter 1 of Driver's Ed! Search, Identify, Predict, Decide and Execute! DO IT!

Condition changes: Standing water, potholes, traffic, bikes, pedestrians, etc.

Read the information: Painted on the road. It could save our (or another's) life!!

Look way ahead: Check intersections and check mirrors (every 7-10 seconds)! Scan-Scan-Scan!!!

Slow, Roll and Go Practice your right and left turns for first timers!

CITY INTERSECTIONS: LOOK Left, Right, Left. **COUNTRY:** LOOK Right, Left, Right, Left! (Cars Passing!)

WAVE PEOPLE ON IF YOU KNOW A “RIGHT-OF-WAY”. Be a traffic cop!

Be a cop on patrol: Bad things are about to always happen”. Keep SPACE CUSHIONS!)

If thinking of braking: Going to your BRAKES, Gotta go to your REAR VIEW MIRROR...SAME TIME!!!

Control Speed: Find your signs! No more than 5 miles under limit, or 2 over. Unless condition changes!

Hand on top half of steering wheel. (Right foot only for pedals.) Hand-over-hand turning with smooth, steady turns of the wheel into and out of your turns!

Check speedometer: Do it quickly (BLINK!). Get eyes back on the road ahead and mirrors behind.

Stop and Creep: At blind intersections: Creep inches at a time! Don't stop the “creep” unless a car, pedestrian or bicyclist appears. (KEEP LOOKING: LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT, AS YOU CREEP.)

When to Stop: Only for: Stop lights, Stop signs and Emergency situations (i.e. Jaywalkers, bikers etc.)

Green Light on Left Turns: YIELD at a solid green but a green Arrow is a protected Green light...GO!!

Most Accidents Happen: At A Solid GREEN When A Car Turns! It's a WAIT & YIELD for through traffic!

At 4 way stops: Be a traffic cop and know the first one there gets to go... if safe.

TIME CARS BASED ON THEIR SPEED!: At 2 ways... Know how much time it takes to make it safely.

(Allow about 6 seconds for first lane... Add 6+ more seconds if turning in a lane with a car approaching! Go but know the car coming is at the right speed and Be Safe! Be Decisive!)

Ignore crosswalks: Unless, unless, unless there is a pedestrian. A 2-way can look like a 4-way!

Do not go: Unless you confirm the other car cannot be hit or you cannot hit them!

Never RUSH or GO FAST into an intersection... Just go QUICKLY, when it is your turn and IT'S SAFE!

DMV TEST DAY: Know your controls...Horn, wipers, defrosters, headlights, high beams, parking brake, hazard lights and hand signals! Review this paper! Bring your birth certificate (NOT A XEROX COPY or SOUVENIER)... It should be the embossed and stamped with a County or State seal. Bring your Social Security number, proof of insurance (with an expiration date) on the car being used for the test, your “signed” permit (with a parent's signature and their driver license number in the space provided). Finally, have our issued orange completion certificate from your behind-the-wheel training. (Someone 25 years or older to drive you to the test and go to window #7, 5 min. before!)

Company vehicles are available for TEST DAY at Turlock's DMV only. \$70.00 for the first hour and \$10.00 per subsequent 15 minutes. It is a rare case of having to go past one hour to conclude your DMV test and be returned to your home. Allow us to make your DMV appointment for you, as we will need to coordinate finishing your last 1-1/2 hour lesson before their test time (at the Turlock DMV). Then you will immediately take your drive test with the DMV examiner (happy to have a brake on their side, by the way) with a fresh, last lesson in mind in our vehicle! Or we can simply drop the student off 1/2 hour before their test time (on Gary Street off of Olive, just behind the Turlock DMV) where your family vehicle can be used. Again, this must be prearranged and coordinated, perhaps at least a half hour before your test to re-acclimate yourself to the family car.

PLEASE: CALL 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE FOR CANCELLATIONS at 1-209-668-9100 Please have your permit ready before your lesson. Day of canceled appointments, we charge \$15 towards the instructor.