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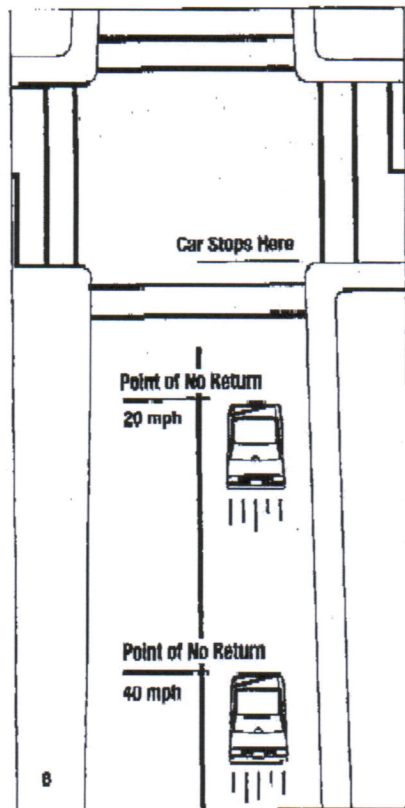
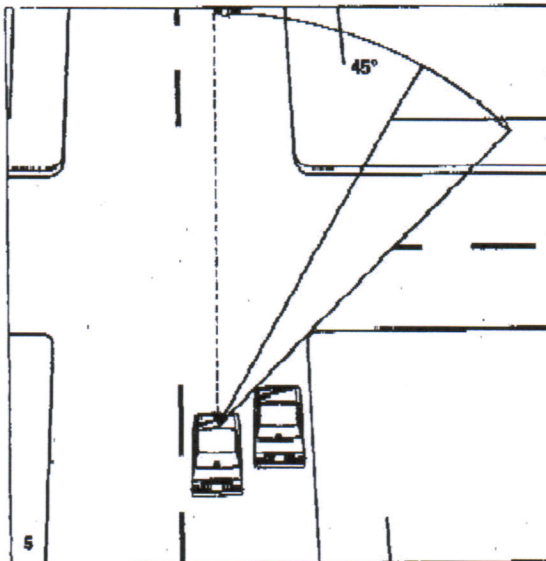
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Performing Basic Vehicle Maneuvers



Searching an Intersection

- ☐ 1. Locate the intersection in order to identify a safe path of travel.
- ☐ 2. Determine if you have an open zone for your intended path of travel into and through the intersection. Search the left-front, front, and right-front zones.¹
- ☐ 3. Look for line-of-sight restrictions that will prevent you from seeing if your intended path of travel will be safe. Search for changes in the zones.
- ☐ 4. When you are within 4 to 6 seconds of the intersection, widen your searching pattern to include more information from the right and left of your path of travel. If your front zone is clear, keep moving. If not, prepare to stop or change your path of travel.
- ☐ 5. When you identify a line-of-sight restriction, perform a search of that area. Turn your head 45 degrees to the right or left to see beyond the line-of-sight restriction. Briefly pause at each zone to detect objects in that location.
- ☐ 6. Continue ahead if the traffic light is green, or if the intersection has no signals or signs, and the front, right-front, and left-front zones are open.
- ☐ 7. If your path of travel is clear, continue searching the left-front, front, and right-front zones for a path of travel change or line-of-sight restriction.
- ☐ 8. Once you have passed the point-of-no-return (the point beyond which you can no longer stop safely without entering the intersection), continue through the intersection.

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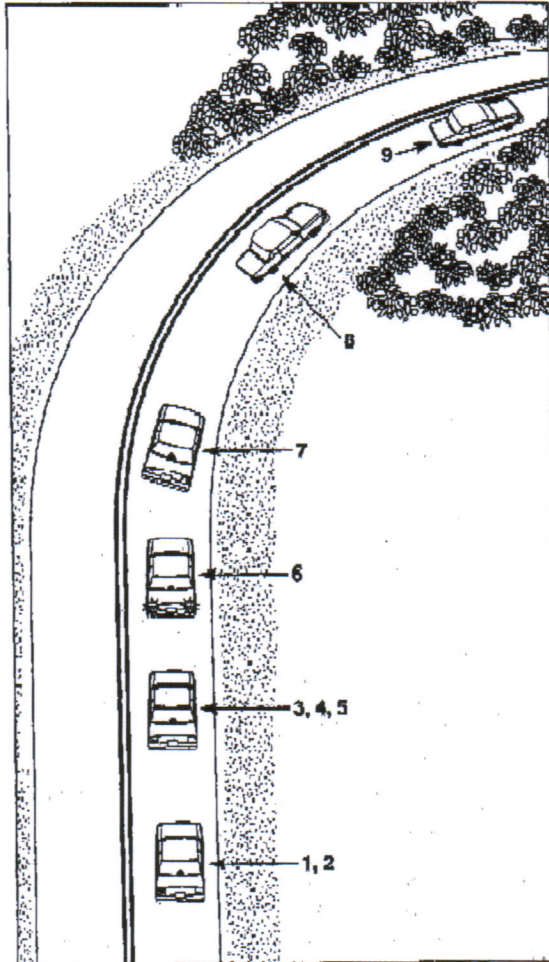
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Driving in Rural Areas



Approaching a Curve

When you approach a curve, follow these steps:

- ☐ 1. See the curve in your target area.
- ☐ 2. Check your rear zone.
- ☐ 3. Check your left-front zone for oncoming traffic.
- ☐ 4. Check your right-front zone to determine if it is open or closed to your line of sight and path of travel.
- ☐ 5. Stay in lane position 1.
- ☐ 6. If the curve is sharp, lightly apply your brakes before you turn the steering wheel.
- ☐ 7. As you get closer to the curve, look in the direction the road curves. See if your path of travel is going to be open.
- ☐ 8. Once you are beyond the midpoint of the curve, begin to accelerate gently if conditions permit.
- ☐ 9. Evaluate your new target area and search for zone changes.

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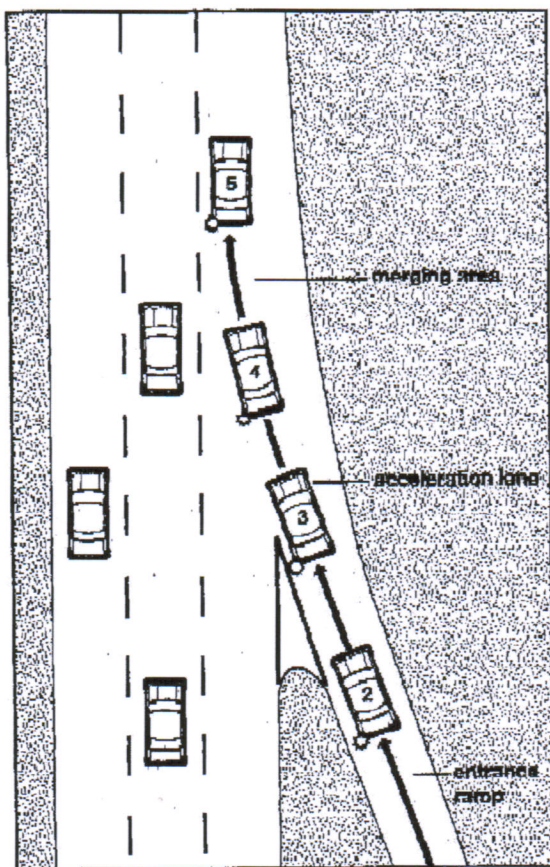
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Driving on Expressways



Steps for Entering

- ☐ 1. Make sure the entrance is the one you want. Look for a red and white WRONG WAY or DO NOT ENTER sign.
- ☐ 2. Once on the entrance ramp, check your front and rear zones. Signal and take quick glances through your left outside rearview mirror and over your left shoulder to find a gap in traffic where you can safely merge. Look for an entrance ramp signal light and be prepared to stop if it is red.
- ☐ 3. Once you are in the acceleration lane, gradually increase your speed. Continue to quickly glance over your left shoulder and through your outside rearview mirror. Decide when it is a safe time and place to merge into the gap in traffic.
- ☐ 4. Before entering the merging area, decide which vehicle to follow in the flow of the expressway traffic. As you enter the merging area, adjust your speed to match the traffic flow. Position your vehicle at a safe interval behind the vehicle you plan to follow. Merge smoothly.
- ☐ 5. Once on the expressway, cancel your signal and maintain the speed of traffic. Keep a space cushion around your vehicle.

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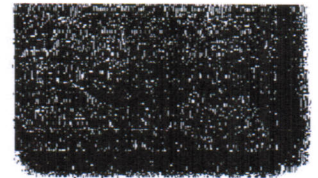
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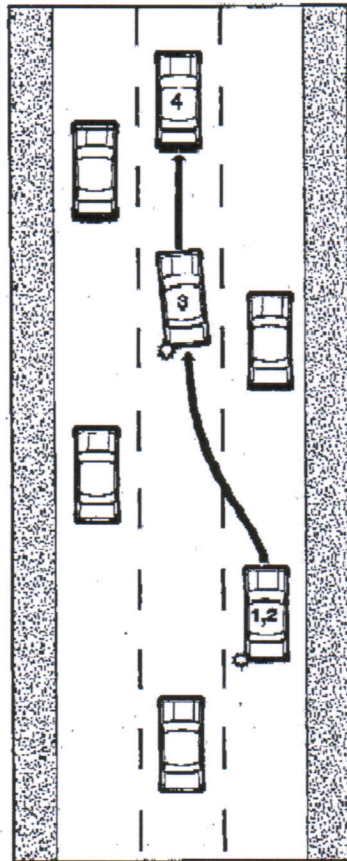
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Lane Changing

Avoid changing lanes too often. Unnecessary weaving from one lane to another can lead to a collision.

- ☐ 1. Change lanes one lane at a time. Signal every lane change, whether or not other vehicles are present.
- ☐ 2. Check traffic in both rear view mirrors. Check the blind-spot area in the direction you want to move.
- ☐ 3. If your path is clear, accelerate gently and move to the next lane.
- ☐ 4. Cancel your signal after you have changed lanes.

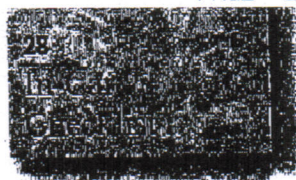
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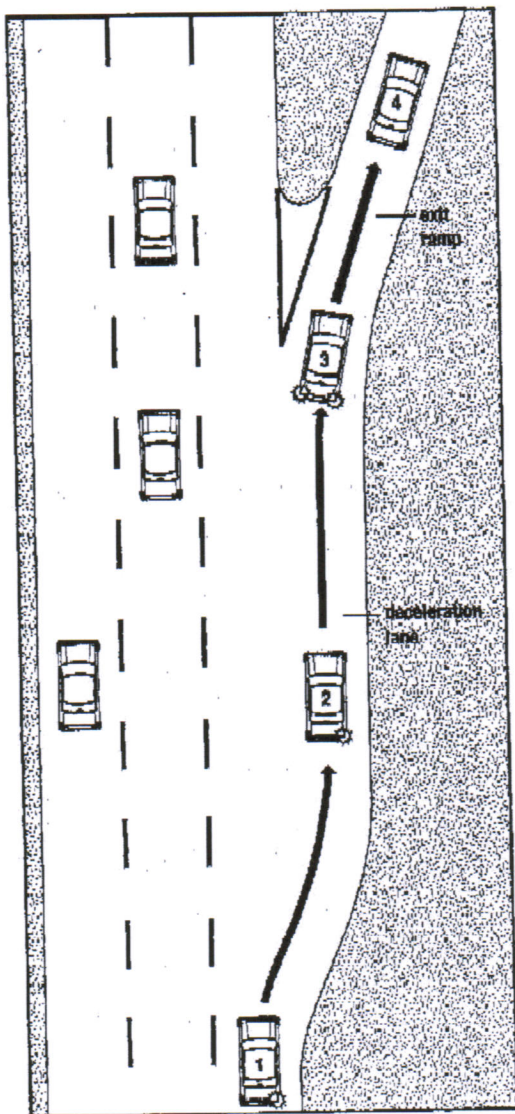
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Steps for Exiting

- ☐ 1. At least one-half mile before the exit, check front and rear zones for traffic. Signal and move into lane position 3 in the lane that leads into the deceleration lane. Change only one lane at a time. Avoid last-second decisions and sudden moves. Do not reduce your speed until you are in the deceleration lane.
- ☐ 2. Move into the deceleration lane. Cancel your signal.
- ☐ 3. Flash your brake lights to warn drivers behind that you are slowing. Check your rear zones so you will know the speed of following traffic. Slow gradually and keep a safe space cushion ahead and behind you.
- ☐ 4. Identify the exit-ramp speed sign. Check your own speed, and adjust to the posted speed limit. Predict a STOP or YIELD sign at the end of the exit ramp.

Be alert when entering traffic on a local highway or street after leaving the expressway. Expect two-way traffic, pedestrians, intersections, and the need for lower speeds. Check your speedometer frequently and be alert for the typical hazards of two-way streets and roads.

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