VEHICLE IN FRONT TURNING TIP SHEET BY CHRIS LEPPIEN, QUALIFIED DRIVING INSTRUCTOR

When driving through town, on rural roads, or highways, vehicles in front may turn off the road to the left or the right. They may turn into side streets, driveways or simply be pulling over to the left.

Vehicle in front turning left

If the vehicle in front is turning left or pulls off the road...

Stay back maintaining a safe distance. Two seconds in dry, and 4 seconds in wet weather. Let the vehicle in front complete its manoeuvre before driving past.

Be patient.

Do not cross the centre line.

Vehicle in front turning right

If the vehicle in front is turning to the right.

Stay back maintaining a safe distance. Let the vehicle in front complete it's maneuverer before driving past. Be patient.



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If the vehicle in front is turning to the right and has to stop due to oncoming traffic.

(a) You must shoulder check to the left. Bob is on his bike. Don't hit Bob!

This must be done before you move to the left or cross any white line to the left.

(b) You may then pass on the left if there is room and it is safe to do so.

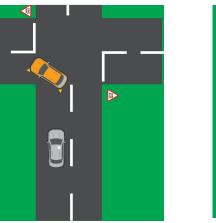


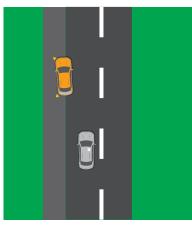
If this is at an intersection **DO NOT** indicate to the left.

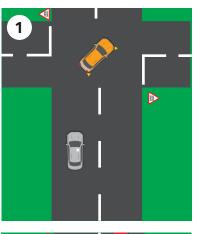
If there is a vehicle at the intersection on the left, they will think you are turning to the left and may pull out in front of you.

Always maintain a good scanning pattern.

Looking 12 seconds ahead and mirror checking every 5 - 10 seconds.















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