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#### Approach the intersection at such a speed that you can stop.

#### Slow is smooth, smooth is a pass.

Coming in slow gives you time. Time allows you to make good decisions.

#### Scan 12 seconds ahead.

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As you approach the intersection your foot should come off the accelerator and hover over the brake pedal preparing to stop.

Your vehicle will naturally slow down.

#### **Tick when repeated unprompted = habit developed**



#### Check your rear view mirror

You will notice the centre line change from white dashes to a solid white line.

Due to traveling at a slower speed if the lights change from green to orange, you will be able to stop safely and smoothly.

Once you have entered the area where the centre line becomes solid, if the lights change to orange and you can not stop safely, you can travel through the orange light.



#### Ensure you do a physical head check

Looking to the left and right ensuring the way is clear before entering the intersection. Just because you have the green light does not mean others will not make mistakes and enter the intersection on a red light.



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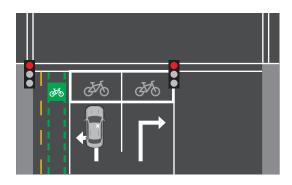
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# Maintain **GENTLE** acceleration through the intersection



Check your rear view mirror after exiting the intersection

If you have to stop for an orange or red light and you are the first vehicle at the lights **DO NOT** go into the cycle or pedestrian lane. **Touch a white line, you get a fine** 



Always maintain a good scanning pattern.

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

When driving in multi-lane roads, it is important to check your side mirrors as part of your scanning pattern.





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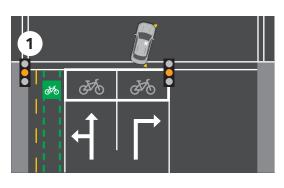
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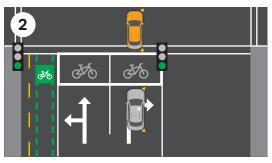
### Turning right at traffic lights on a green light



If you are the second car waiting to turn right, **DO NOT** enter the intersection. Stay behind the white line until the car in front has moved off.

Check your rear view mirror once you have exited the intersection.





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