

When driving in multi-laned roads, it is important to carry out multiple mirror checks using all three mirrors while driving.

You should be scanning 12 seconds ahead and watching what traffic is doing in front, beside, and behind you.

Make decisions early and adjust your driving to what is happening around you at all times.

**Tick when repeated unprompted = habit developed**

 **1 Indicate, the direction you are moving**


Your indicators are the means of communication with all other road users.


Nobody knows what you are going to do if you do not tell them. It is not possible to wind down your window and say, "Hey let me in." No one can hear you.

The way you tell someone what we want to do is by using our indicators. They are magical!

If there is no gap for you to change lanes due to heavy traffic and you indicate, most good drivers will slow, creating a gap, allowing you to change lanes.

 **2 Check your rear view mirror check**

 **3 Shoulder check the direction you are moving. Must be done before you cross the white line**

 **4 Look back to the front to ensure nothing has changed**

Vehicles in front slowing or stopping. Vehicles pulling into lanes from side streets on your left or right.

 **5 Look to the side you are moving and execute the lane change**

 **6 Move fully into the lane**

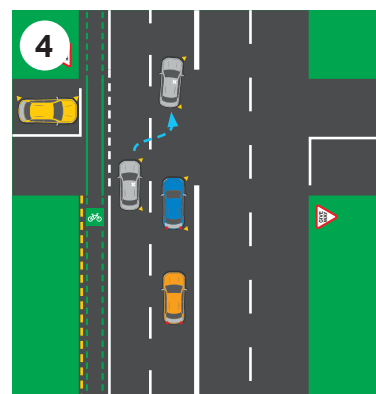
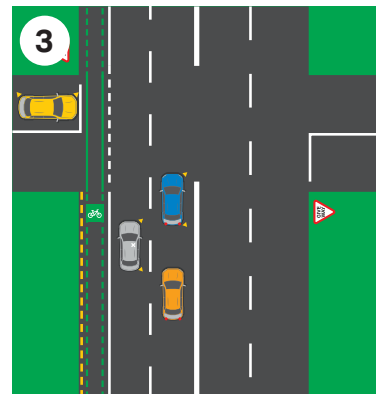
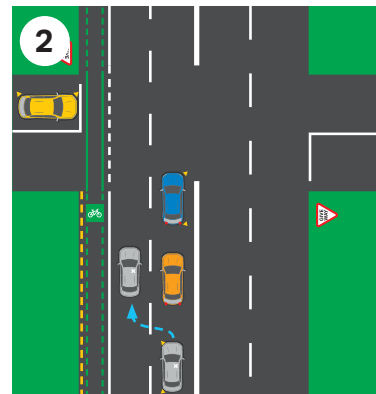
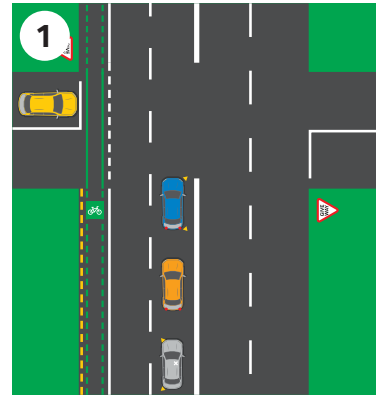
Maintain a good scanning pattern once manoeuvre is completed.

Always make your lane change early as this gives you time.

Maintain your speed when executing a lane change. However you may need to adjust your speed when other road users create space for you to move into their lane.

It is easier to go behind a vehicle than to speed up and go in front.

By slowing down, this gives you more time. Time allows you to make good decisions, particularly if you have limited distance to execute the manoeuvre.

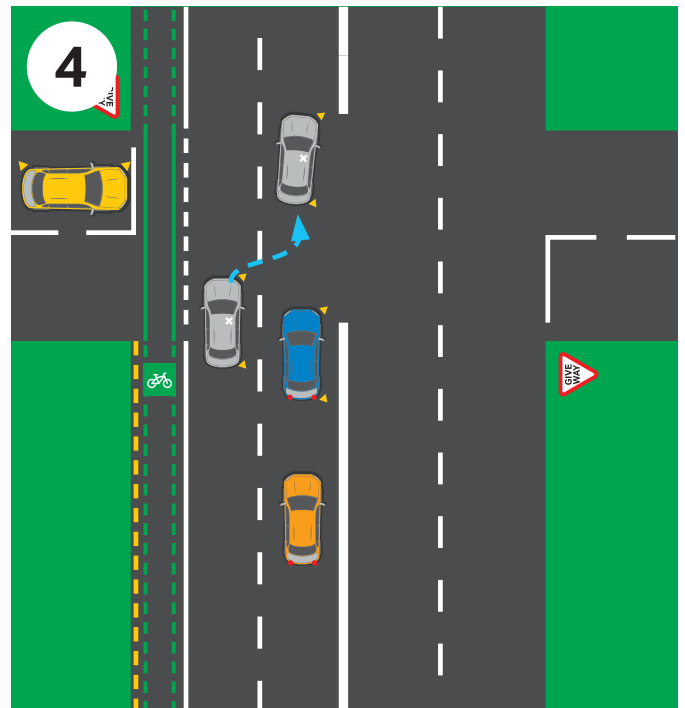
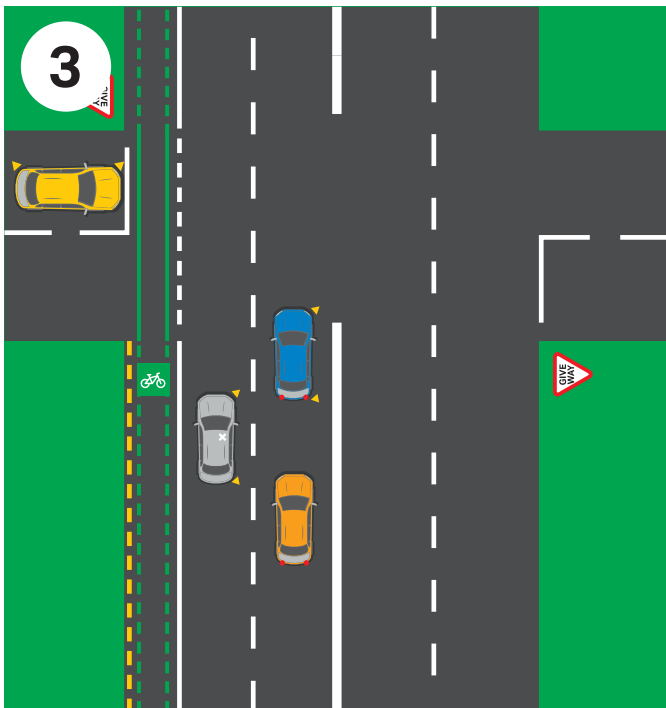
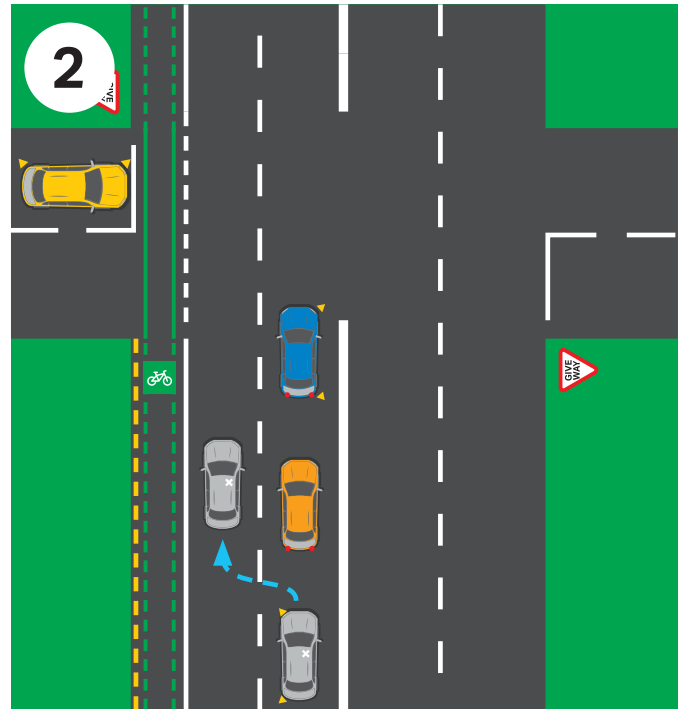
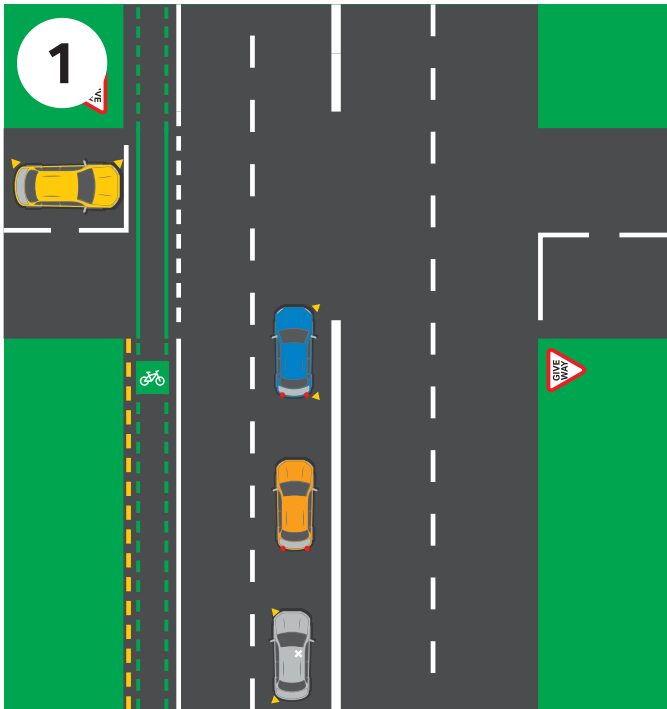


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## LANE CHANGE TIP SHEET

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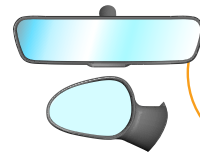
Always maintain a good scanning pattern.

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.



Look  
**12**  
seconds  
ahead



Check  
mirrors  
**5-10**  
seconds