MIRRORS

Scan your interior and the door mirrors and make sure that you are not being overtaken or being tailgated (someone driving very close to you).

SIGNALS

After you have made sure that it is safe inform the road users around you of your intent. Signal should be done as early as possible without causing any misunderstandings.

POSITION

Your road position for left turns stays the same as normal driving, approximately one metre from the kerb or any obstructions.

SPEED

Control your approach speed initially by easing off the gas and allowing the engine braking to take effect. Start braking early but gradually so that vehicles at the back of you have time to adjust their speeds to suit.

Reduce your speed to a gentle crawl at the point of turn otherwise you will end up overshooting the junction.

Avoid cutting right

hand corners, it can

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vehicle which may

be dangerous

Approaching junctions

LOOK, ASSESS, DECIDE.
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As you approach the mouth of the junction, take a deep look into the new road and make sure that your path is not blocked by any oncoming vehicles or pedestrians crossing the road as you are about to turn into the road. If the way is not clear then you must stop and wait before the turning point until the road is clear for you to proceed.

What is coasting? Why is it dangerous?

You must give way to oncoming vehicles as they have first priority



Look for: Signs & markings, Gaps in property lines, Gaps in lines of parked cars and/or Any emerging traffic. Before you take-up your position for a right turn recheck your side mirror and make sure that no other motorist is trying to shoot past you, especially motorbikes and mopeds.

When you are satisfied that the road is safe gradually guide the car so that it is positioned just to the left of the centre of the road, if there are road signs or markings you will need to adjust your position accordingly.



Once you have taken up your position make sure that you don't drift back towards the left as there could be other vehicles trying to overtake you from the left.

GEAR

Your choice of gear and the timing of the gear change will depend on the size of the road you are entering and whether you have to give way to on coming vehicles. Generally if you are required to stop then you will require first gear, however if you can continue without stopping then you should select the second gear about 3 car lengths from the turning

Coasting is when you are travelling with your clutch pedal pressed down or when your gear lever is in neutral. This can lead to you gaining speed when travelling down hills, consequently you having to brake harder to slowdown, this increases the risk of you locking your wheels thus increasing the possibility of skidding, or over shooting your turn; it is a dangerous practice and should be avoided as much as possible.

