

Subject: **Crossroads**

Recap: Turning Left/Right. Emerging Left/Right. MSM(PSL)

Objective:

- What* How to identify, approach & negotiate crossroads.
- How* Look at the main points of crossroads and how the MSM routine should be applied, followed by on road practice.
- By the end* Be able to identify, approach & negotiate crossroads safely & with due regard for other road users.

Main Points:

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How to Identify Road markings/signs (priority) - Look for two roads opposite each other (traffic emerging/turning/crossing).

Major to Major

Hazard - MSM Going straight ahead - signal to consider is brake lights.

Speed Match speed to what you can see - slow down until you can see it's safe to proceed (clearly see the ends of the roads - watch for emerging traffic)

Major to Minor

Treat as turning L/R (MSM) with more observations (traffic in/out of extra road).

Note: When Turning Right When oncoming vehicle is also turning right. Two ways of negotiating other vehicle - determined by layout of crossroads, road markings & the other driver.

Offside to OS - Safest, you have clear view of road ahead (leave space in Qs).

Nearside to NS - Less safe as view is restricted (sometimes compulsory).

Minor to Everywhere

Approach as emerge L/R, MSM - signs/markings, give way/stop, open/closed.

Extra Obs. A new consideration to emerging left/right is the road opposite.

If there is a car opposite - neither have priority. Make eye contact with other driver and look for clues - position of vehicle / angle of wheels / signals.

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All Directions

How to Identify No road markings/signs (often found on country lanes and housing estates).

Clues - gaps in rows of houses/hedges/streetlights, vehicles emerging/turning.

No Priority Never assume priority - vehicles from left/right may assume priority is theirs.

Speed Imagine a give way line and approach as if you are emerging.

Match your speed to what you can or cannot see.

Always be prepared to give way.

References: Driving the Essential Skills P. 164-167 BSM Pass Your Driving Test P. 46-48

Any Questions?