

Subject: **Turning Left (Major to Minor)**

Recap: Moving Off & Stopping. Gears. MSM

Objective:

- What* How to approach & negotiate a left hand junction safely.
- How* Look at the main points of turning left and how the MSM routine should be applied, followed by on road practice.
- By the end* Be able to turn left from a major into a minor road under full control and with due regard for other road users/pedestrians.

Main Points:

Advance Info. Look for clues on the approach to help identify the junction & plan ahead:
Amount of traffic, vehicles turning into/emerging from road, warning/direction signs, road markings, traffic lights, breaks in lines of houses/parked cars.

Hazard Junctions are hazards - MSM routine should be applied (MSPSL)

Mirrors Check speed/position of vehicles behind - Interior and left.

Signal Your intention to other road users/pedestrians - clearly and in good time.

Position Maintain normal position (1m from kerb) - Confirms intent to turn left (not park).

Speed Reduce speed on approach - the less you can see, the slower you should go.
Slowest just before the turn and in correct gear (2nd) approx 2 car lengths before turn to give you time to raise clutch fully (don't coast around corner).

Look Check mirrors again - esp left door mirror (cyclists).
Ahead - Is anyone turning right into the same road?
Left into new road for problems - Cyclists/pedestrians crossing/obstructions.
Be prepared to stop.

Steering Not too early (clip kerb) or too late (end up unsafely on wrong side of road)
Don't swing out to the right before turning (maintain normal position if poss).

After Turn Check mirrors and if safe, accelerate away.

References: Driving the Essential Skills P. 149-152 Official Driving Test P. 39-40
BSM Pass Your Driving Test P. 41-43

Any Questions?