

**Subject:** **Emergency Stop**

**Recap:** Stopping Normally. Progressive Braking.

**Objective:**

- What* Look at stopping the car in an emergency
- How* Discuss the main points and the procedure for the emergency stop followed by on road practice.
- By the end* Be able to stop the car quickly and under control in an emergency.

**Main Points:**

**When?** Human life is at risk (yours or others) need to stop as quickly as possible.

**Avoidable?** Look well ahead to spot and anticipate the problems - a emergency stop should hopefully not be necessary.

**How?** No mirrors - no time! (you should already have a good idea of what's behind).

Grip steering wheel firmly with both hands

Quick reaction - off gas / on brake

Brake firmly and progressively

Clutch in just before you stop (helps braking & stability).

When stopped - secure vehicle (handbrake / neutral).

Prepare to move (Start POM).

Full 360 degree observations (inc both blindspots).

When safe, move off.

**Skids** Braking too fiercely for type of road surface, weather & tyre conditions.

Prevention is best. Use progressive braking - speed appropriate for the conditions - able to stop within the distance you can see to be clear.

Locked Wheels - release brake immediately & reapply (less firmly - repeat?)

Rear End Slide - Keep off brakes, ease off gas while steering into the skid (if rear of car slides to the right, steer to the right - not too much).

**References:** Driving the Essential Skills P. 73 / 256-257 Official Driving Test P. 33  
BSM Pass Your Driving Test P. 37-40

**Any Questions?**