

Turn in the road

When Carrying out this maneuver always remember to select a SAFE, CONVENIENT and LEGAL place in which to do the maneuver.

Safe Making sure that traffic approaching from the front and the rear are able to see you from a distance, don't stop on a bend in the road or on a brow of a hill.

Convenient Never Park over someone's drive way, avoid lampposts or telegraph poles that are situated close to the edge of the curb. Look out for other street furniture such as wheelie bins, post box, telephone box that are also close to the edge of the curb.

Legal Do not attempt to carry out a turn in the road on a Dual Carriageway – Motorway -one-way street.



Pull over to the left hand side of the road and stop (Use the same M.S.M. routine as you would for pulling in and stopping). Choose a safe place where there is good visibility, no obstruction in the road or on the pavement, make sure the place you select is Convenient. Watch for lamp posts, telephone poles or even post boxes that are at the edge of the footpath. Make sure your indicators have been cancelled.



Now Carry out ALL ROUND OBSERVATION before moving off...

Look out the front. Look into the rear. Look into your left side mirror and over your left shoulder,

Look out the front. Look into the rear Mirror. Look into your right side mirror and over your right shoulder.

If it is clear clutch down 1st gear and set the bit. Check mirror blind spot to the right, if it is still clear release the hand brake and allow the car to move forward very slowly.

As the car moves forward, using clutch control, turn your steering wheel briskly to the right (Fast Hands Slow Feet). Allow the car to come round to the right very slowly, making sure that you get full lock on before the half way line.

You should now be in the middle of the road resting on the camber in the road. At this point the car may start to pick up speed slightly as it heads towards the curb.



Now dip the clutch in and, with your foot over the brake, control the speed until the curb comes to the 1st mark.



As the curb touches the 1st, straighten up the steering wheel so your wheels are straight and start to bring the car to a stop, as the curb touches the 2nd line. Apply the hand brake and select neutral.



Now for the Reverse part.

Adjust your seating position so you can see over your left shoulder and out through the rear window comfortably.



If you find that you are struggling to reach the clutch pedal, pull your seat forward 1 click.

While you are doing this, check all around you for other vehicles and pedestrians.

Select reverse gear and set the bit (make sure that you have engaged reverse gear. Feel the back of the car rise up).

Looking out the rear, release the hand brake and steer briskly to the left (full lock). Allow the car to reverse slowly and under control using clutch control, glancing out the left window until you are square across the road.



Now look over your right shoulder to the back passenger's door. Again, at this point be careful the car doesn't pick up speed as it approaches the curb. To avoid this, push the clutch in and cover the brake. Now push the clutch in and, with your foot over the brake, control the speed until the curb comes to the 1st mark.



Figure 8



Figure 9



As the curb touches the 1st, straighten up the steering wheel so your wheels are straight and start to bring the car to a stop as the curb touches the 2nd line. Apply the hand brake and select neutral.



Now you are ready to move forward and finish off the maneuver

Look to the left and right, checking for other vehicles and pedestrians.

Clutch down 1st gear, set the bit. If it is still clear, release the hand brake and as the car moves forward very slowly, briskly turn the steering wheel full lock to the right and allow the car to come round to the right slowly until you are on the other left hand side of the road.

At this point if you think you are going to touch the curb, STOP and repeat the reverse part again.

If not continue on until you are pointing the direction you want to go in. Straighten up the steering wheel and check your rear view mirror, and applying more acceleration and picking up speed and going up the gears.

Dry Steering – Make sure that the wheels on the ground are moving when turning the steering wheel; otherwise this will cause damage to the steering column (You will also be marked down on your test for this).

Always remember when doing this and any of the other maneuvers: If another vehicle or pedestrians come anywhere near you then you must stop, wait and see what they are doing.

If they stop then you move.

If they move, then you must stop.

It's like a game of cat and mouse.

GOOD LUCK.

