

Before Driving Away: Make sure you are seated correctly in your vehicle.

1. Adjust your seat so you can safely reach the pedals
2. Adjust your mirrors (rear view and 2 outside mirrors) to see other vehicles coming from behind.
3. Adjust your Head Restraint correctly.
4. Steering wheel adjusted so your hands are around the 2/3.00 o'clock and 9/10.00o'clock position.
5. Seat Belt **on last** before you drive away.

LANE CHANGE SEQUENCE

- 1) **Check rear view mirror** unless you have a truck or van that does not allow you to see the rear with the interior mirror ALWAYS use the INTERIOR MIRROR FIRST.
- 2) If Clear? **Signal ON**.
- 3) **Shoulder-check your blind-spot**. (Chin to shoulder or have mirrors adjusted by a professional to see your blind-spots when you glance in them.
- 4) **If safe, look forward and glide over, maintain your speed***. **Speed is regulated by the space you have around your vehicle; other vehicles (if any) speed, road conditions, as well as speed limits.*
- 5) **Cancel signal** - (OFF).

Always do a lane change sequence:

- When you *pull over to the curb* to stop or park.
- When *pulling away* from curb after any parking.
- When getting into position to make a Right or Left turn
- When entering or exiting a highway or an Expressway.
- When you do any *lateral move* with car, like going into a right or left turn lane.

SCANNING INTERSECTIONS and BLIND SPOT CHECKS

- Move you head from left to right just before you go through every intersection; **make it obvious**, on a road test the driving examiner MUST see it from where they are sitting but keep your speed (when new students move their head to look somewhere, they tend to come off the gas pedal).
- On Lane Changes and turns again make the shoulder check obvious but don't overdo it.
- When driving along, glance in your rear-view mirrors and around you about every 5 seconds.
- Legal Stopping Positions are: **Behind the WHITE LINE / BEFORE SIDEWALK / END OF THE ROAD**. (make sure you STOP for the count of 3)_If you can't see traffic when you stop, ease up slowly to get a better view.