

Safety Driving Reminder



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These are some commonly misunderstood Texas driving laws.

Knowing them will help you stay safe and ticket-free.



Use of Turn Signals

- Turn signals must be used to “indicate an intention to turn, change lanes, or start from a parked position“. Despite popular belief, there are no exceptions listed (such as being in a turn-only lane, or that it is obvious in some other way).
- Also, you must “signal continuously for not less than the last 100 feet of movement“.

Stopped School Buses

- When a school bus has stopped and its red alternating lights are flashing, traffic in both directions must stop. Remain stopped until the lights are no longer flashing.
- You are not required to stop for the yellow flashing lights. These are a warning only.

Passing Stopped Emergency Vehicles

- When emergency vehicles are stopped on the side of the road, you must either vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle or slow to 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit.
- If the speed limit is less than 25 mph, slow to 5 mph.

Changing Lanes on Multiple-Lane Roadway

- When two vehicles are changing lanes at the same time, who has the right-of-way? A vehicle “entering a lane of traffic from a lane to the right shall yield the right-of-way to a vehicle entering the same lane of traffic from a lane to the left“.
- This is easier to understand using the image below. The vehicle represented by the red arrow must yield to the vehicle represented by the green arrow.



Safety is an attitude that begins in our thoughts. We can create an accident-free environment at work and at home if we believe we can and are committed to the process.

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