

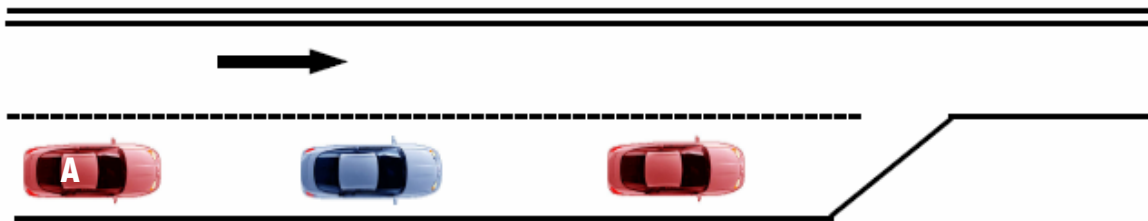


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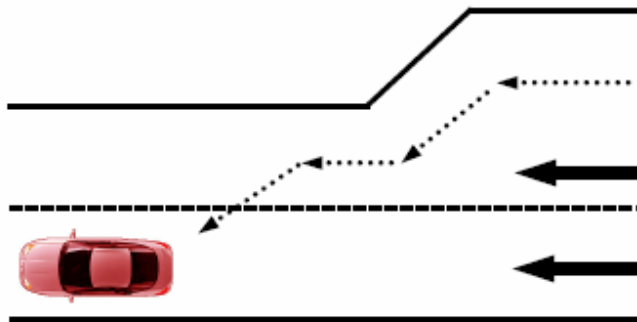
Strategies for Urban Driving Lane Changes

When preparing to change lanes ask yourself: Is it necessary? Is it legal? Is it safe?
The following illustration offers some good reasons for changing lanes (you are the driver of car A):

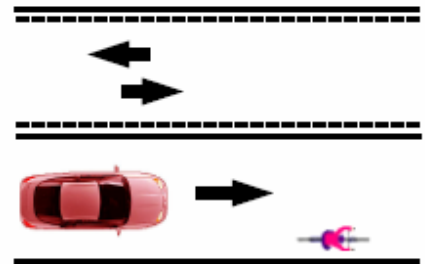


A. Slow-moving vehicle blocking your path.

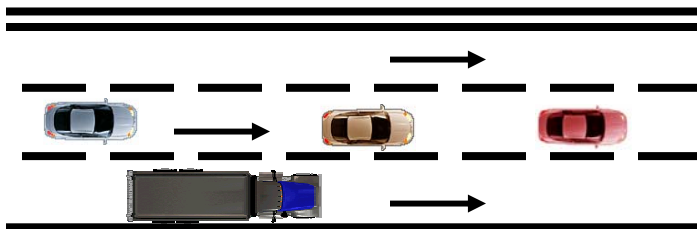
B. Your lane ends.



C. Your destination ahead requires a turn from a lane other than the one you are in.



D. Pedestrian, animal, or bicycle in lane



E. Risk reduction from approaching hazards

Once a driver determines the lane change is needed, the second step is to make sure it is clear to change lanes:

- Check the front zones
- Check the rear zone through the rearview mirror
- Check blind space areas to the side of the car through the side view mirror and a head check
- Check to the left or right if needed

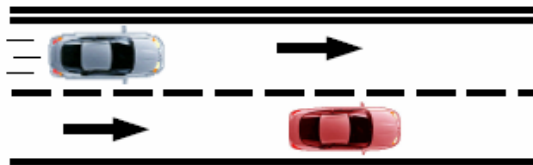
If the lane change is made to the right, the visual checks are to the right zones, if the lane change is to the left, the visual checks are made to the left zones

Conditions

A vehicle in the next lane may be approaching at a speed greater than yours.

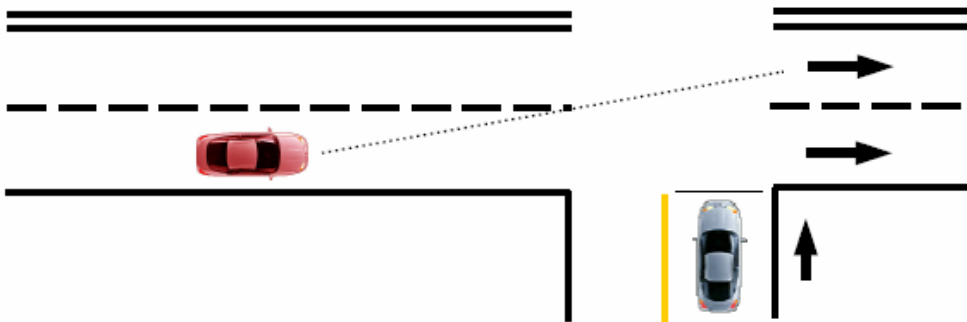
Adjustments

Wait until the vehicle passes and then change lanes.



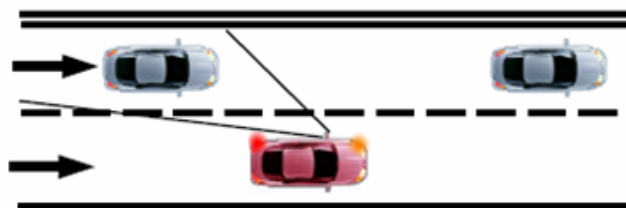
You may not be able to complete a lane change before entering an intersection.

Drive through the intersection, then complete the lane change.



There may not be a large enough gap between two vehicles to make a lane change

If the lane change is necessary and there is not enough space, signal a lane change and the driver may open space to let you in.





WORK SHEET

Module 4.3 Urban Driving: Making Lane Changes

Name _____ Date _____

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You are the driver of car #1; for each of the following lane change situations:

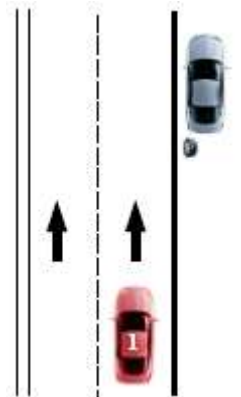
- A. Identify the reason for making a lane change.
- B. Identify conditions that would make the lane change unsafe without making driving adjustments.
- C. List the driving adjustment(s) needed to make a safe lane change.

Situation #1: Flat tire being changed on the shoulder of a four-lane roadway.

- A. Reason to change lanes _____

- B. Unsafe conditions adjustment(s) needed _____

- C. Adjustment(s) to make _____

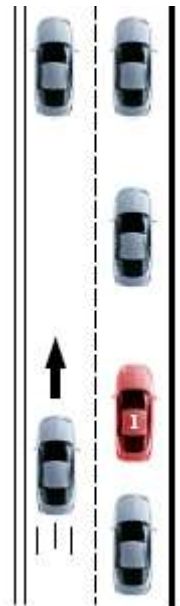


Situation #2: Caught in a pack of cars.

- A. Reason to change lanes _____

- B. Unsafe conditions, adjustment(s) needed _____

- C, Adjustment(s) to make _____



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Making Lane Changes

Name _____ Date _____

You are the driver of car #1; for each of the following lane change situations:

- A. Identify the reason for making a lane change.
- B. Identify conditions that would make the lane change unsafe without making driving adjustments.
- C. List the driving adjustment(s) needed to make a safe lane change.

Situation #3: Three lanes narrowing into two lanes.

- A. Reason to change lanes _____

- B. Unsafe conditions, adjustment(s) needed _____

- C. Adjustment(s) to make _____



Situation #4: Slower vehicle ahead.

- A. Reason to change lanes _____

- B. Unsafe conditions, adjustment(s) needed _____

- C. Adjustment(s) to make _____

