

Drive the 5

- D**istracted free
- R**ested and alert
- I**mpairment free
- V**ehicle maintained
- E**nvironment aware

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Intersections

More than a fourth of the fatal large truck accidents¹ were at an intersection or were intersection related. This makes navigating intersections safely a primary concern to drivers.

1 Plan ahead:

- Familiarize yourself with intersection layout, lane markings, and traffic signals.
- Anticipate traffic flow — fresh or stale green lights as you approach.
- Signal in advance to communicate intentions.
- Make eye contact whenever possible to establish communication.

2 Position your vehicle:

- Maintain your lane during turns for success.
- Position your vehicle before entering small intersections.
- Be mindful of oncoming vehicles during wide turns.
- Ease off the accelerator to maintain control.

3 Right turns:

- When swinging left to make wide right hand turn, check for vehicles merging on your right.
- Position the rear of your vehicle closer to the curb.
- Watch for pedestrians at intersections.
- Beware if rear tires go off track over the curb.

4 Left turns:

- Verify oncoming traffic and estimate their speed before turning.
- Avoid rushing the turn to prevent lane loss and blind spots.
- Check mirrors for encroaching vehicles.

5 Be prepared to abandon the turn:

- If conditions aren't favorable, wait for the next opportunity or abandon the turn.

¹ [fmcsa.dot.gov/safety/data-and-statistics/large-truck-and-bus-crash-facts-2020](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety/data-and-statistics/large-truck-and-bus-crash-facts-2020)