

THE INS AND OUTS OF ROUNDABOUTS

Roundabouts are used at intersections to improve traffic flow with safety. They consist of a central circular traffic island around which vehicles must travel in a clockwise direction. There may also be median islands and signs at the entrances.

When approaching a roundabout, the selection of lanes is exactly the same as for an intersection with no roundabout. As a general rule, enter the left lane if you want to turn left; enter the right lane if you want to turn right; and select any lane if you want to drive straight ahead. Remain in the same lane until you want to exit the roundabout.

Remember to give way to avoid collisions.

HOW TO USE A ROUNDABOUT

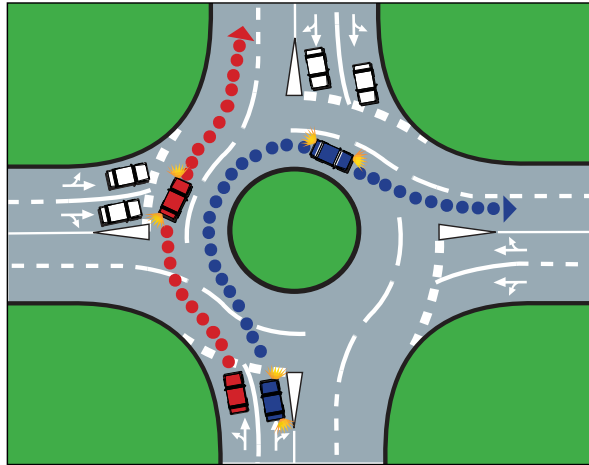
- Decide and indicate your intention as early as possible when approaching a roundabout.
- Be aware of and obey the road arrows when approaching and entering a roundabout.
- Reduce speed approaching the roundabout and be prepared to give way to traffic already using the roundabout.
- Watch out for pedestrians and cyclists at all times, particularly on the approach and the exit roads.
- Always give way to vehicles that are on the roundabout.
- Enter the roundabout only when there is an adequate and safe gap in the traffic.
- Be aware that large vehicles in a roundabout may sometimes have to use more than one lane. In this situation you should stay well behind the vehicle.
- At all times, when entering or leaving a roundabout, exercise care and don't force your right of way at the risk of a collision.
- Use the left turn indicator prior to exiting.

Entering a Roundabout

Obey any road arrows, reduce speed and prepare to give way.

Give way to traffic already on the roundabout.

Enter the roundabout only when it is safe to do so.



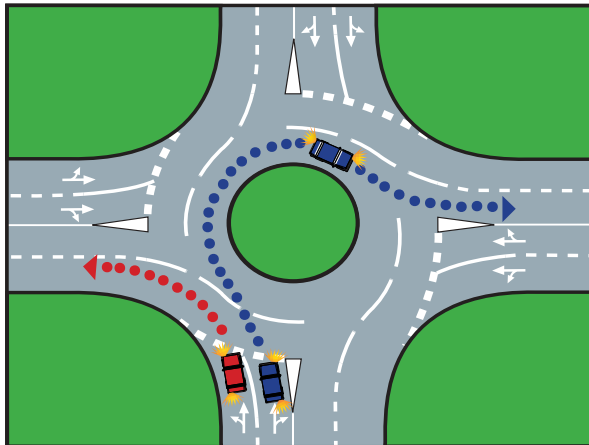
Turning Left or Turning Right

LEFT LANE IN, LEFT LANE OUT.

RIGHT LANE IN, RIGHT LANE OUT.

If turning left enter the roundabout in the left lane, indicating left. Exit in the left lane, leaving left indicator on.

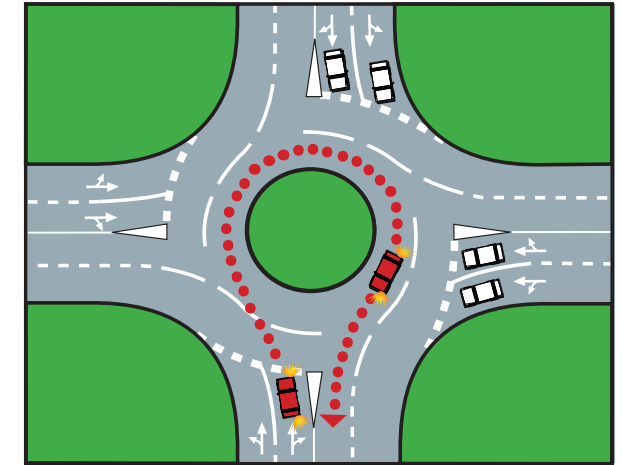
If turning right enter the roundabout in the right lane, indicating right. Keep to the right lane within the roundabout. When exiting the roundabout, indicate left. Exit in the right lane.



Making a U Turn

RIGHT LANE IN, RIGHT LANE OUT.

Indicate right before entering the roundabout in the right lane and exit in the right lane, keeping to the right lane within the roundabout. When exiting the roundabout, indicate left.



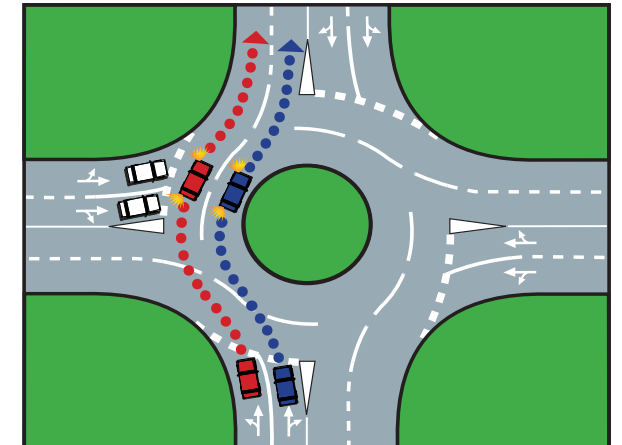
Going Straight Ahead

LEFT LANE IN, LEFT LANE OUT.

RIGHT LANE IN, RIGHT LANE OUT.

Enter the roundabout according to the direction given by the approach arrows and keep to the same lane within the roundabout. When exiting the roundabout, indicate left.

Exit using the same lane that you entered.



SIGNS ABOUT ROUNDABOUTS

Advance direction signs are provided where practical on all approaches to roundabouts. They are usually supplemented with direction signs placed at each exit from the roundabout.



Roundabout signs together with give way line markings are placed at the intersection of each approach road to the roundabout.



Roundabout warning signs may be placed on approaches to roundabouts to advise that you are approaching a roundabout.

For further information regarding road safety please contact the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment

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