

Emerging from a side road

1. **Approaching** – Identify the junction as early as possible. Give yourself time to plan, communicate and prepare the car. Look for clues ahead if it is a “GIVE WAY” or “STOP”.
2. **Mirror** – Check your interior mirror and the door mirror that matches the direction you intend to go. What is behind you? What is alongside you?
3. **Signal** – Give a correct signal. Make sure it is not too early or late to confuse others.
4. **Position** – Maintain your normal driving position (one metre from the edge of the road) when turning left. Position the car just left of the centre line when turning right.
5. **Speed** – Bring your speed down using gentle braking. Your brake lights will warn the following vehicles of you slowing down. The car will change gear to the appropriate speed. Make sure you are doing no more than 20mph from at least 20 metres away from the end of the road, and reducing speed as you get closer to the end of the road .
6. **Look** – what is happening around the junction and the major road you want to turn into? Is there anything that will stop you from entering the road normally? How sharp is the turn? How much can you see (open and closed junction)? How much can you not see? What is the best speed to use? How busy is the road? Does it dictate an even slower speed? Is it a “GIVE WAY” or “STOP”?
7. **At the end of the road** – You MUST make effective observations along the road both left and right. You mustn't make other road users swerve, brake or stop when emerging. If you are unable to see clearly, “Peep and Creep”.
 - a. **Turning left.** Steer enough to follow the kerb and remain on the left side of the road (whilst maintaining your normal driving position if possible). Steer too sharp you may mount the kerb or hit parked cars. Steer too wide, you may cross to the wrong side of the road.
 - b. **Turning right.** Move out to the point of turn (if a wide road, drive forward to the centre before turning the steering wheel). Turn too early, you may be driving on the wrong side of the road. Turn too late, swan neck or collide with the kerb or parked cars. Make sure it is safe to turn crossing in front of oncoming traffic?
8. **After the turning** – Straighten your steering, check your mirrors, make sure the signal has been cancelled and increase speed to make good/safe progress.