

## Turning Left/Right into a side road

1. **Approaching the junction** – Identify the junction as early as possible. Give yourself more time to plan, communicate and prepare the car.
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, making sure it is not too early or late to confuse others.
4. **Position** – Your normal driving position when turning left (one metre from the edge of the road). Just left of the centre line when turning right.
5. **Speed** – Gently using your brakes, slow the car down. Your brake lights will warn following vehicles of your approach to a hazard. Get to 20mph 20 metreChange into 2nd gear initially as you approach to the junction.
6. **Look** – what is happening in the road you want to turn into? Is there anything that will stop you from entering the road normally? How sharp/narrow is the turn? How much can you see (open or closed junction)? How much can't you see? What is the best gear to use? Do I need to select a lower gear (1st gear)?
7. **At the turning** –
  - a. **Turning left.** Steer enough to follow the kerb and remain on the left side of the road (maintaining your normal driving position if possible). Steer too sharp, you may mount the kerb. Steer too wide, you may cross to the wrong side of the road.
  - b. **Turning right.** Position yourself where the front of the car is in line with the middle of road you want to turn in to. Turn too early, you will cut the corner running a risk of colliding with oncoming traffic. Turn too late, you will run a risk of mounting the kerb. Make sure it is safe to turn right crossing in front of 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.