

Emerging from roads



Follow the routine:

When approaching the end of a road, follow the same MSPSL routine that is used for side roads: Mirrors, Signal, Position, Speed, Look. It is more difficult to emerge safely from a T-junction than to turn into a side road because usually you can see far less of the new road. Often buildings and fences etc will block your view until you are a car length from the line. Therefore, you need to approach the end of the road very slowly, usually in 1st gear, to create enough time to look right and left effectively.



Assess the junction

There are three types of T-junction:

- * Closed junctions (restricted view on both sides) - approach very slowly in 1st gear so you can stop gently if necessary
- * Half-closed junctions (restricted view on one side) - approach very slowly in 1st gear, looking to the open side first
- * Open junction (good view on both sides) - if there is nothing coming, you may be able to negotiate these in 2nd gear

Identify what type of junction you are approaching early, so you can plan how to deal with it.



Getting the timing right

To negotiate a junction smoothly you must time your actions well. Usually you should change into 1st gear in the final car length (where the mouth of the junction starts to form), after slowing down to a near stop. You should then creep the last few metres using clutch control. This should give you enough time to look right and left effectively. If it is clear to go, then speed up; if not, then stop. Do NOT cross the line unless you are 100% sure it is safe to.

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