## Before Changing Lanes

## Ask yourself

- Do I need to change lanes?
- Is there a reason to change lanes?
- Is it safe and legal to change lanes?

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## Lane Changing - Step 1

## Scan front

- Scan at least 12 to15 seconds ahead.
- Look for other vehicles and pedestrians.
- Look for traffic lights and stop signs.



## Scan

12 seconds ahead of your vehicle.

## Lane Changing - Step 2

## Evaluate Rear Areas

- Check the inside rearview mirror.
- Check the outside rearview mirror.
- Are any vehicles about to pass you?

Check inside rearview mirror


Left side rear view
Right side rear view
Check if changing left Check if changing right


## Lane Changing - Step 3

## Communicate

- Signal to change lanes.
- Your signal should be on for at least 2 or 3 seconds prior to your actual lane change. (100 feet)



## Signal to change lanes 100 feet in advance

# Lane Changing - Step 4 Evaluate Blindspot 

- Changing left - Quick glance over left shoulder out rear side window.
- Changing right - Quick glance over right shoulder out rear side window.
- Is there a vehicle in your blindspot?



## Left side blindspot area

Make a quick glance

Right side blindspot area<br>Make a quick glance




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## Lane Changing - Step 5

## Act

- Target 12 to 15 seconds ahead and steer for an open area.
- Maintain proper speed control.
- Maintain proper lane control.
- Avoid changing during intersections.



# Target 12 to 15 seconds ahead and accelerate slightly if area open. 

## Steer

 smoothly into open area
# Lane Changing - Step 6 Cancel Signal 

- As you enter the other lane.
- Target ahead 12 to 15 seconds.
- Adjust speed and lane position for traffic conditions.


Cancel your signal as your vehicle crosses the lane line.

Target 12 to 15 seconds ahead and adjust your speed and lane position for traffic conditions.


## Your lane change is completed!

## Lane Changing

What is the first check?

- Inside Rearview mirror What is the second check?
- Outside rearview mirror What is the third check?
- Left blindspot area



## Lane Changing

## How are you communicating?

- Signaling left



## Lane Changing

Where is your target area?

- 12 to 15 seconds ahead
- Center of the lane you are moving into

What are you adjusting as needed?

- Speed and lane position



## Lane Changing

What should you have canceled?

- Your signal



## Lane Change Completed

 Check what area?- Review mirror

Your central vision should be targeted how far ahead?

- 12 to 15 seconds


