TRAFFIC EDUCATION

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# TURNABOUTS!

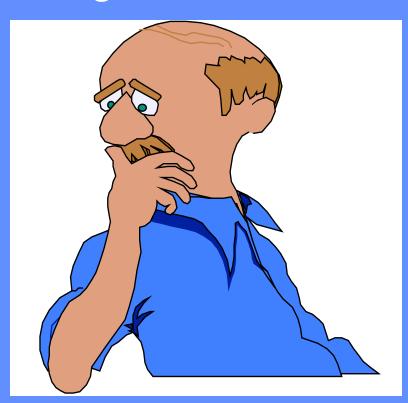
- The purpose of a turnabout is to turn your vehicle around so you can go in the opposite direction.
- Use only when going around the block is not possible (Dead End road).

## TURNABOUTS

- U-turn
- Three-point or Y-turn
- Two point left into a driveway
- Two point right driveway (Back in)

# MAKE TURNABOUTS

- Only when it is safe
- and
- legal to do so!

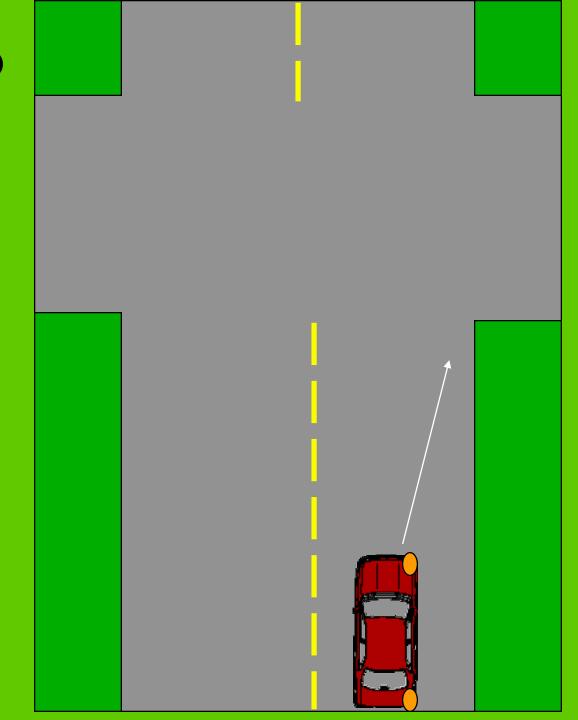


# **U-TURNS**

- You must have 500 feet visibility in all directions.
- In Seattle and many other cities they are illegal mid-block.
- They are not legal in the downtown business district.
- In all areas, going around the block is the best and safest may to turn yourself around.

# Prepare to stop

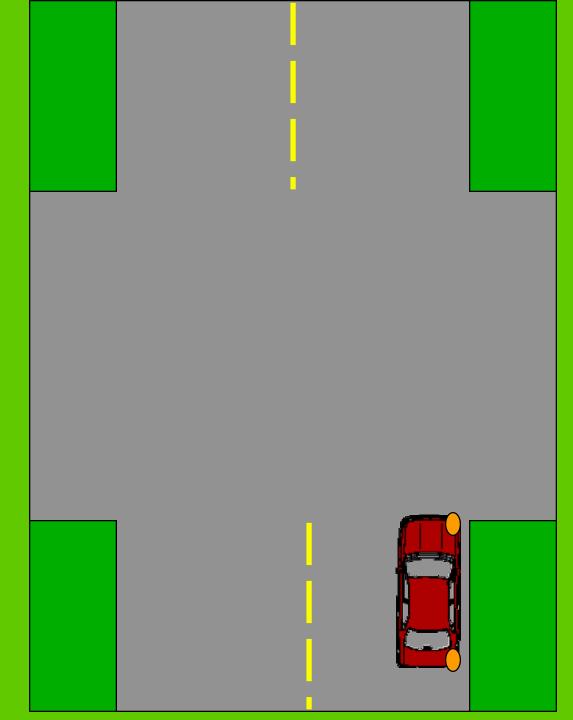
- \*Check your mirrors.
  - \*Signal right.
  - \*Check your right blindspot.



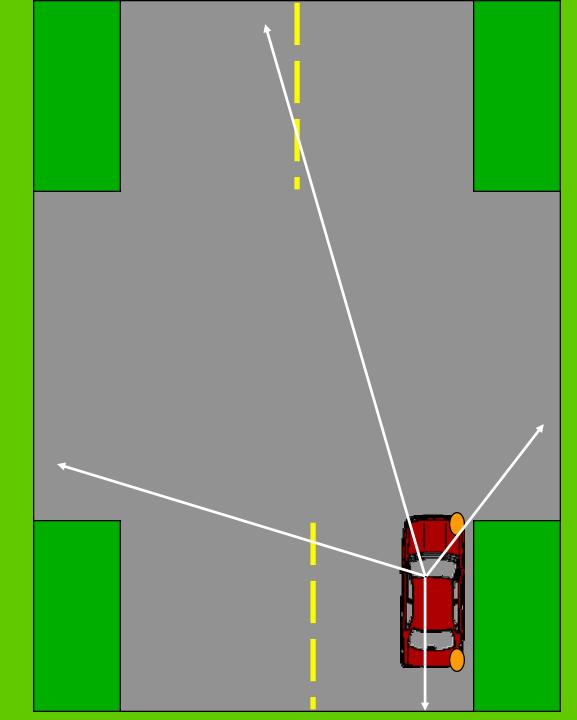
\*Position: Stop close to the curb and just prior to entering the intersection. \*Evaluate: If this a safe and legal

location to do a U-

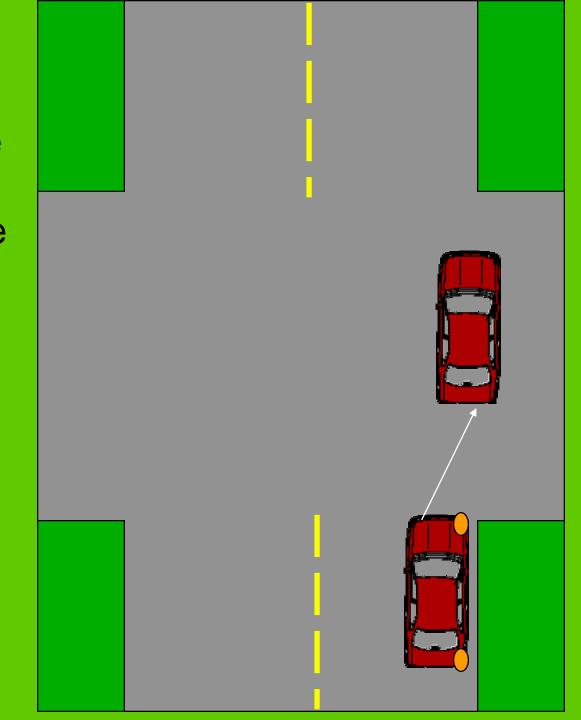
turn?



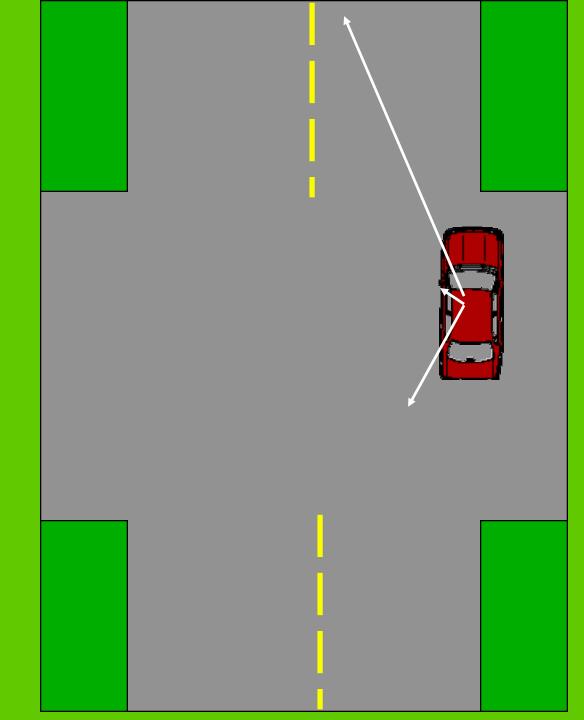
\*Evaluate all directions for pedestrians and other traffic.
\*Double check behind you (most vulnerable area).



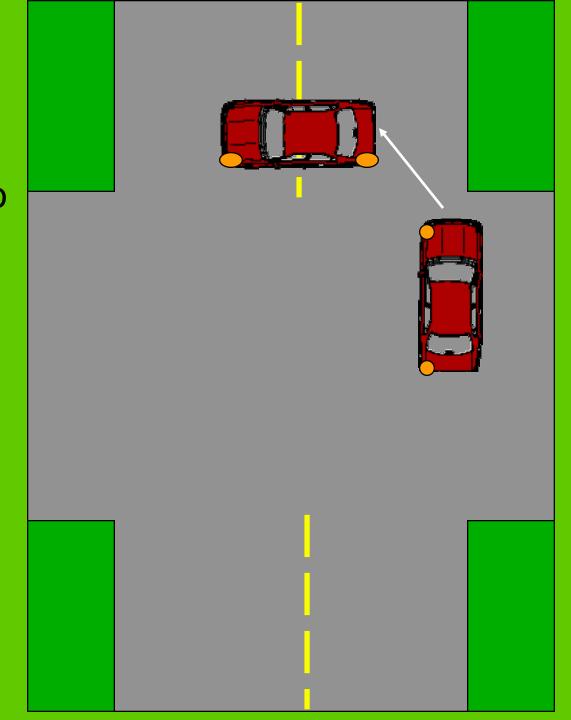
- \*Accelerate:
- \*When clear move slowly forward.
- \*Steer a bit to the right.



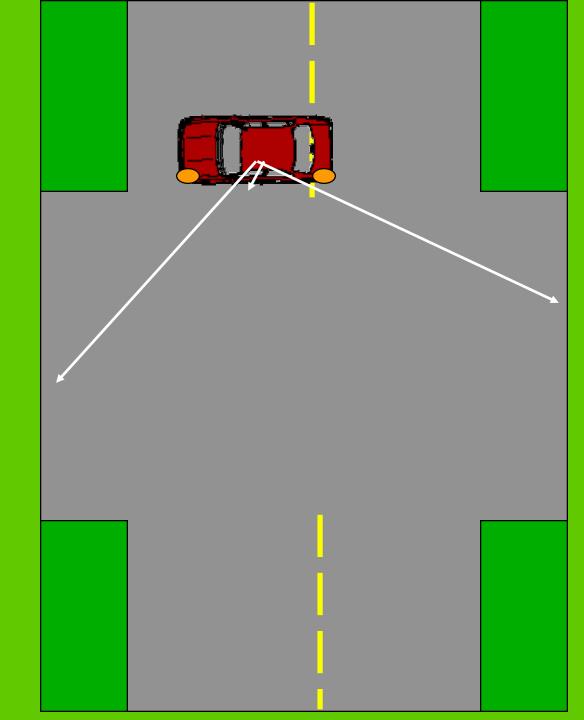
- \*Top right corner:
- \*Check front
- \*Check rearview
- mirror
- \*Check left blindspot
- \* Is it clear?



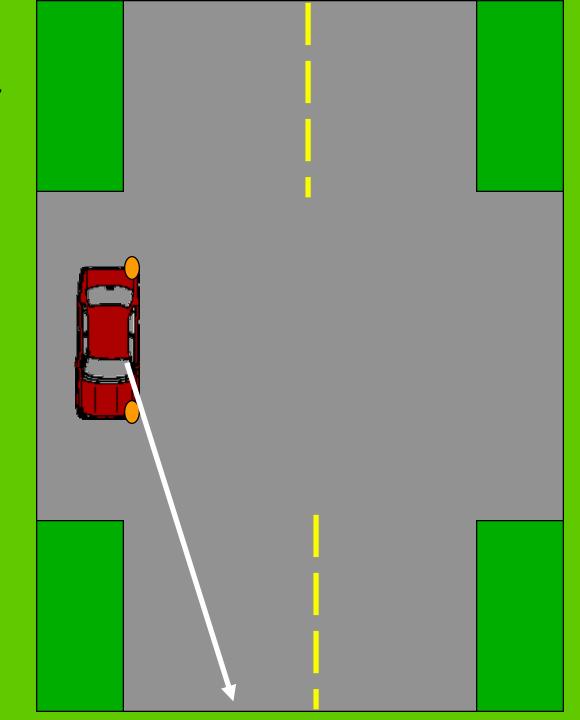
- When clear signal left
- and turn sharply to the left.



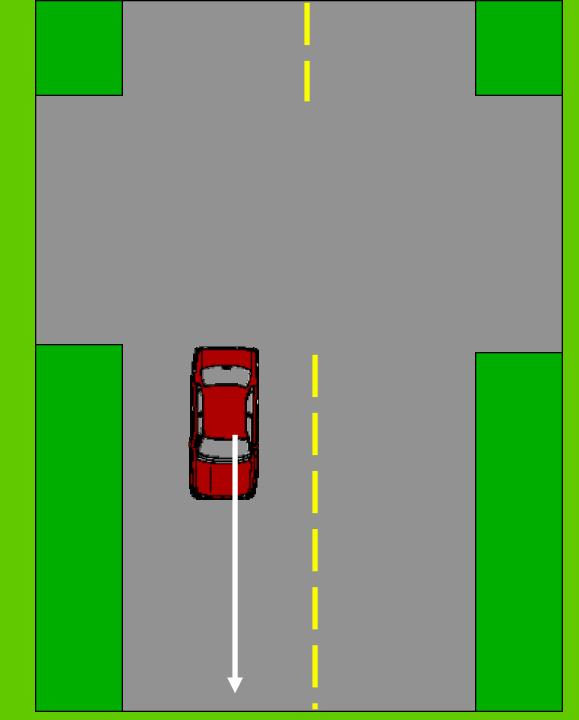
- At the top left corner:
- Check front
- Check mirror
- Check left blindspot
- Any traffic present?



- Target the proper lane.
- Straighten the wheels for your lane.

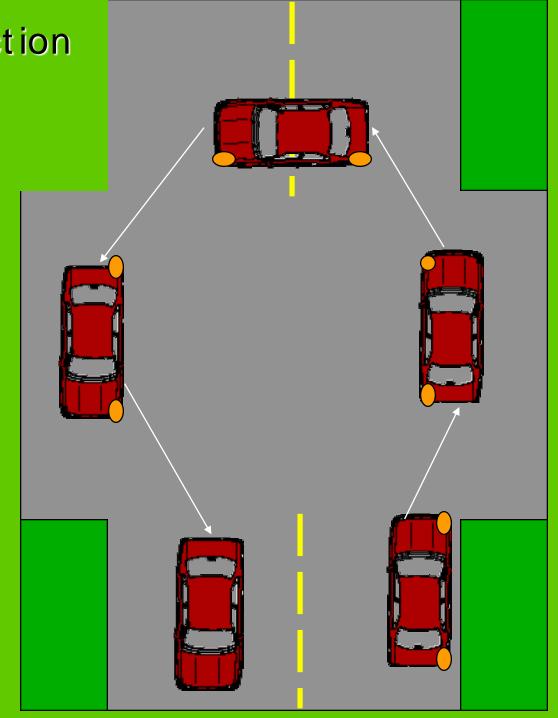


- Scan 12 seconds ahead.
- Proceed if clear.



#### U-turn at an intersection

- Prepare to stop
- Position right
- Evaluate: Is it safe & legal
- Evaluate traffic & pedestrians
- Accelerate slowly
- Check at top right
- Signal left and check blindspot
- Check at top left
- Target lane
- May stop at any four corners to let other vehicles through



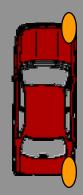
# THREE POINT TURNABOUT "Y-Turn"

- They are only legal on dead-end streets.
- Use only if driveways or alleys are unavailable.
- Blocking several lanes of traffic can be hazardous.

### **ALWAYS ASK YOURSELF?**

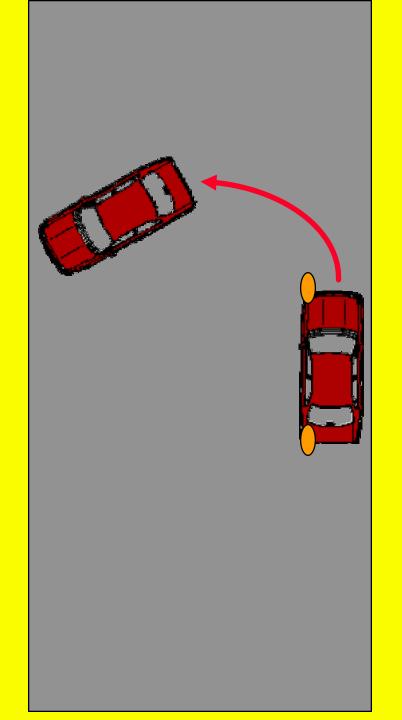
- Is it legal to do a 3-Point here?
- Is it safe to do a 3-Point here?
- Do you have any other options?

- Perform a right lane change, check mirrors, signal right and check right blindspot.
- Stop near the right side of road.

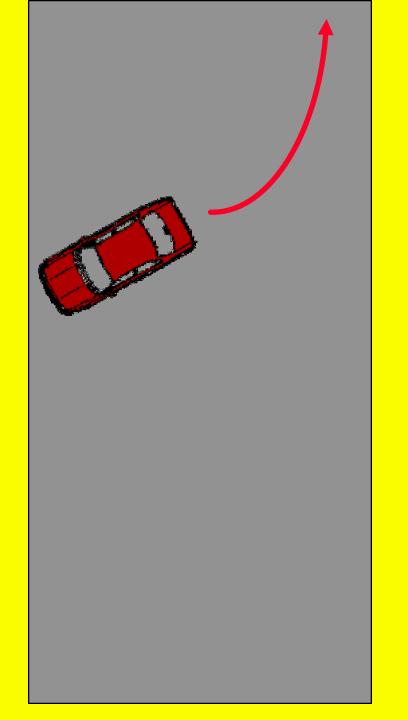




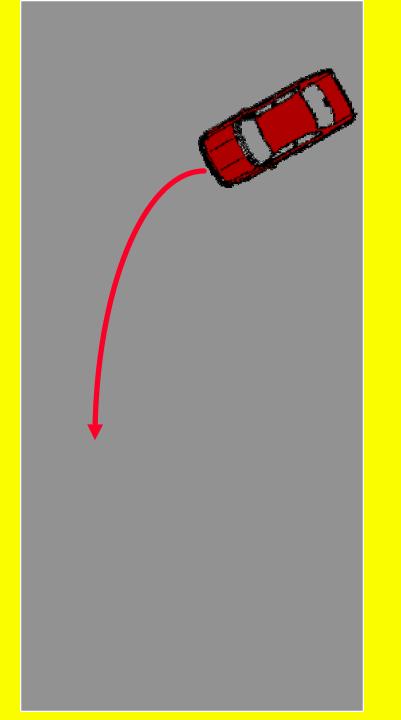
- Check mirrors for traffic
- activate left turn signal and
- steer sharply left.
- Try to turn past perpendicular.



- Shift to reverse, check traffic all directions.
- Look over your right shoulder out the rear window.
- Back slowly turning sharply right.
- Back up only as far as necessary.



- Shift to drive
- Check for traffic in both directions
- If clear steer sharply left

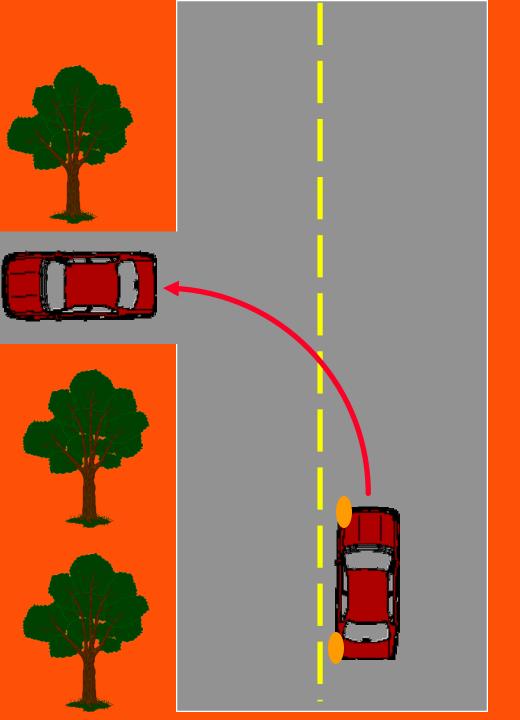


- Target your lane and straighten.
- Proceed if clear.

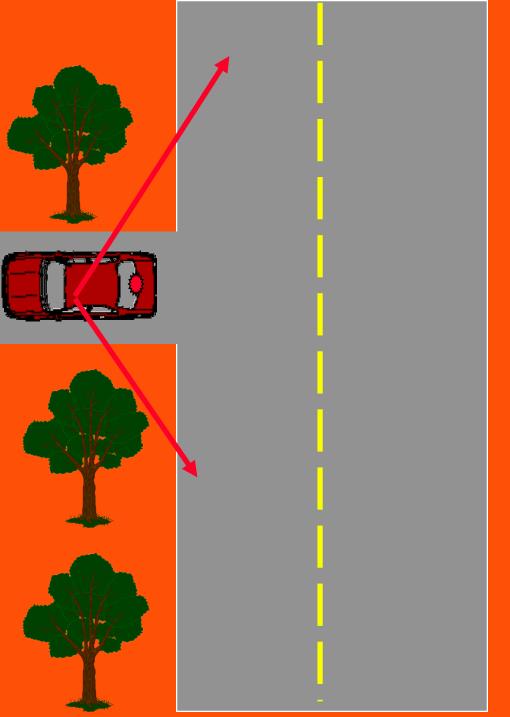


## TWO POINT LEFT

- Simple to do.
- Simply turn left into a driveway on the left side of the roadway.
- Back out of the driveway, turning sharply right.
- Dangerous because you back into traffic.



- Check rearview mirrors.
- Activate left turn signal.
- Check driveway and left blindspot.
- Check for oncoming traffic and pedestrians.
- Turn left targeting the center of the driveway.

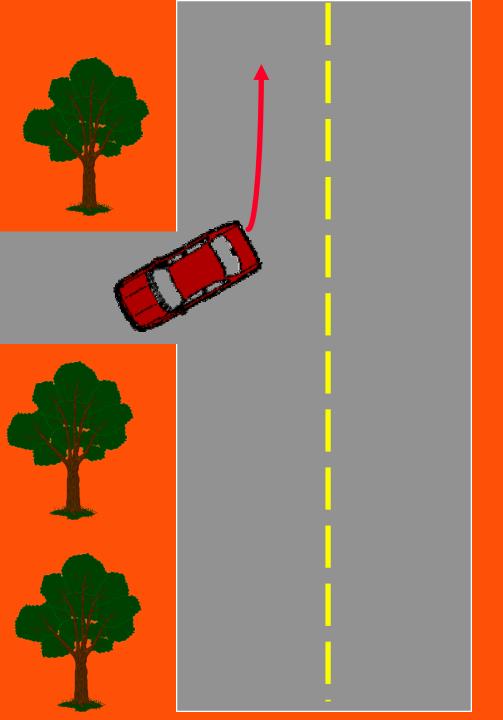


- Keep your foot firmly on the foot brake and shift to reverse.
- Check for and yield to any pedestrians or traffic.

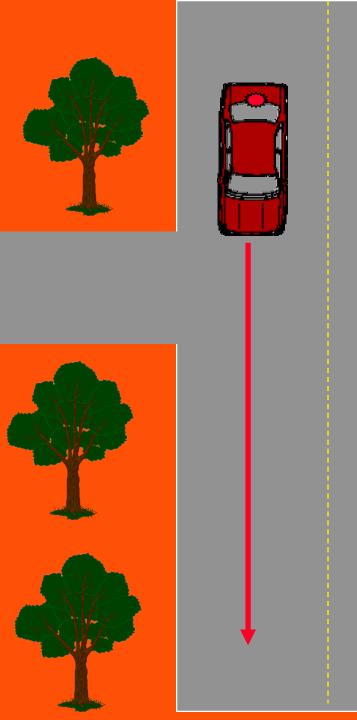




- Check your right rear reference point to make sure you will clear the curb.
- Look out the right rear side window.
- Do you see the edge of the road?



- When clear, back slowly turning sharply right.
- Target out the rear window toward the center of your lane.

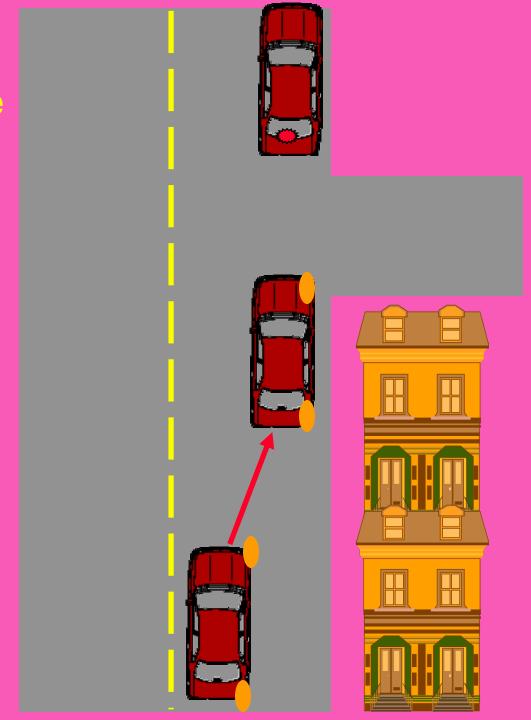


- Stop when you are on target.
- Shift to drive.
- Check traffic, proceed forward if safe.

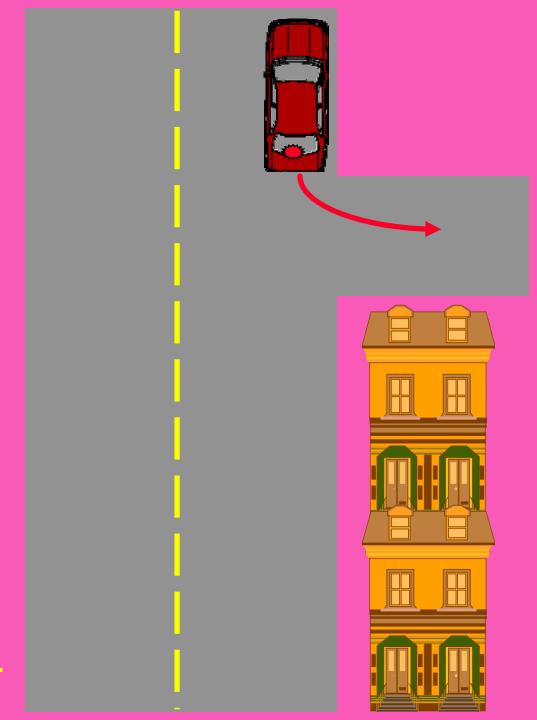
## TWO POINT RIGHT

- More difficult to do than two point left turnabout.
- You will back into a driveway on your right.
- Safest of all the turnabouts since you can easily see traffic when you back.

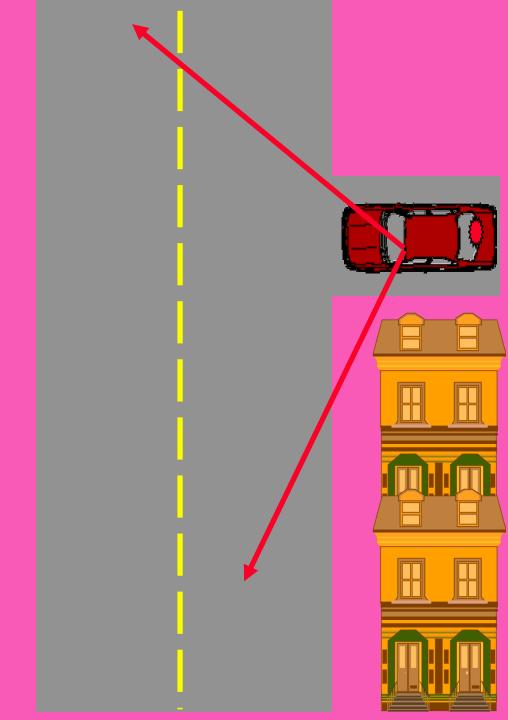
- Tap brake pedal.
- Perform right lane change, check mirrors, signal right, check right blindspot.
- Stop about 3 feet from curb with rear of car just beyond the driveway.



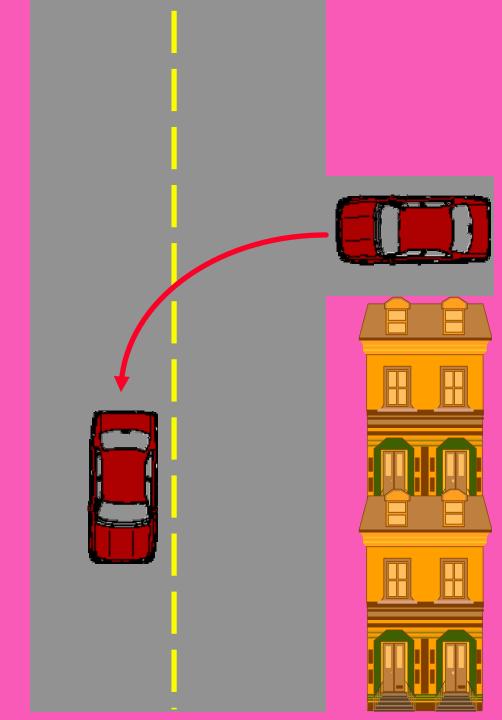
- Shift to reverse.
- Check for traffic and pedestrians from both the front and the rear.
- Check your right rear reference point for clearance.
- When clear, look over right shoulder.
- Back slowly turning sharply right.
- Vision out rear window till stopped.



- When on target for the center of the driveway, stop as you straighten your wheels.
- Shift to drive.
- Check and yield to traffic and pedestrians.



- When clear, make the left turn into the first available traffic lane going to your left.
- Target ahead and proceed.



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