

Lane Selection and Right of Way

# Select Best Lane for More Time and Space to See and Avoid Conflicts

Supplies: PowerPoint of an intersection diagram; 2” square object; 2 cars of different colors; pencils.

Instructions:

**Part 1**

Place a two-inch square object at the southeast corner of the intersection to represent a building.

* Place car #1 in lane position 3 in the inside lane heading west.

**Part 2**

Place car #2 three (3) car lengths south of the intersection heading north.

* Begin with the car #1 in the left-hand lane, lane position 2 heading west.
* Place the eraser end of a pencil where the driver would be seated and pivot the pointed end to demonstrate looking to the left (line of sight restriction by the building).
* Move car #2 into lane position 2, until the driver is able to see the car approaching from the east without being blocked by the building.
* Point out how close car #1 is to the intersection before the driver can see beyond the line-of-sight restriction.

**Part 3**

Repeat the activity with car #1 in the right-hand lane and place it in lane position 3 (far right side).

Point out how much sooner the driver can see beyond the line-of-sight restriction.

# Right of Way Decision Making

Supplies: Roadway templates for intersections #3B, 4B; 2 model cars per group of 3; 3 wild cards per group of 3.

Instructions:

Use model cars to create the following situations:

* **Yield at stop signs** to pedestrians in or near the crosswalk and all traffic on the through street.
* **Yield at fresh green lights** to pedestrians still in the crosswalk and vehicles still in the intersection.
* **Yield coming from an alley, driveway, or private roadway** to pedestrians before reaching the sidewalk and all vehicles on the street (make 2 stops).
* **Yield at all yield signs** to all pedestrians in or near crosswalks and all vehicles on the cross street.
* **Yield to emergency vehicles** sounding a siren or using a flashing light (stop clear of the intersection close to the curb; wait for emergency vehicle to pass).
* **Yield when turning left** at any intersection to all pedestrians in your turn path and all oncoming vehicles that are at all close.
* **Yield at four-way stops** to all pedestrians in or near crosswalks; vehicles that arrive first; vehicle from the right if you arrive at the same time.
* **Yield at uncontrolled intersections** to pedestrians in or near the crosswalk; any vehicle that has entered the intersection; a vehicle from the right if you both arrive at the same time.