



10 Tips to Pass the Drive Test

1. Be sure to come to a **COMPLETE STOP**. You know it's a complete stop because the ground stops moving and fixed objects outside the vehicle are stationary. Be sure to know all the stopping points at intersections.
2. Maintain an **ADEQUATE GAP** between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. When stopped, you should be able to see the rear wheels of the car in front of you touching the road.
3. Maintain proper **HAND POSITIONING** while driving. Hands should be placed at '10 and 2', '9 and 3' or '8 and 4'. Use 'hand-over-hand' or 'shuffle steering', and be sure not to let the wheel spin in your hands.
4. Do not exceed the posted **SPEED LIMIT**. Be especially careful in school zones and construction zones.
5. Consistently and properly **SEARCH AND SCAN** while driving. Look left and right when approaching intersections and initiating turns. Be sure to check your rear view mirror once completing a turn.
6. Stay in the **PROPER LANE**, especially when making turns. Use the lines to guide your turns and to avoid crossing any solid lines.
7. Engage your **TURN SIGNAL** at least three seconds before a lane change or turn. If the signal does not automatically turn off after, manually disengage the signal within three seconds of completing the turn or the lane change.
8. Follow the steps of **SMOG** for all lane changes and merges. **SIGNAL, MIRRORS, OVER-THE-SHOULDER AND GO...when it's safe**. Check your rear view mirror and your signal within three seconds of a lane change.
9. Demonstrate **GOOD DRIVING SKILLS** of smooth acceleration, braking and turning. Do not jerk the wheel or ride the brakes.
10. **YIELD** properly at all intersections. Always yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk or your path of travel.