

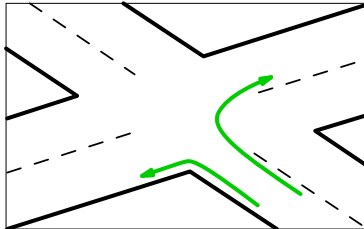
# A few simple tips to make our traffic smoother and roads safer

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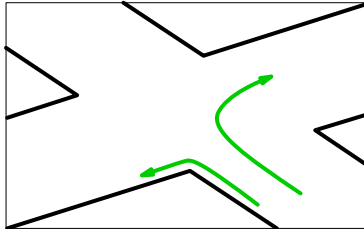
In India we drive on the left side of the road looking in the direction we are going. **KEEP LEFT!**

### Left and Right turn

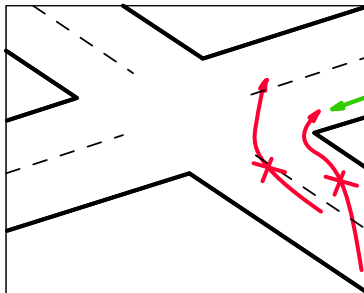
When turning into another street, turn into the lane nearest to you. If you are turning right, start from the lane nearest the center line. If you are turning left, start from the lane nearest the curb.



This rule is applicable even where there are no central marker lines.

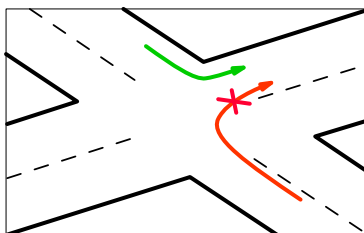


This rule will help us avoid a confusion we often see on our roads that is illustrated in this figure.

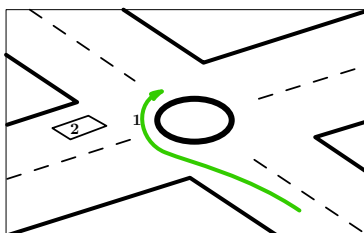


### Right-of-way laws

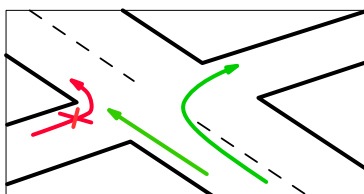
Drivers turning right must yield to oncoming vehicles which are going straight or turning left.



Drivers entering a traffic circle must yield to drivers already in the circle (thus, in the figure, 2 will yield to 1 irrespective of their sizes).



Drivers on a minor road must yield to drivers on a main road.



### Responsibilities of pedestrians

1. Pedestrians must use footpaths wherever footpaths are available on either side of the road.
2. Where footpaths are not available, pedestrians may use a one-meter segment on the edges of the road.
3. Pedestrians may cross roads only at zebra crossings. **Pedestrians have right of way at zebra crossing.**
4. Where there are no zebra crossings, pedestrians may cross the road if vehicular traffic is a safe distance away; the vehicle should not have to brake to let the pedestrian cross the road.

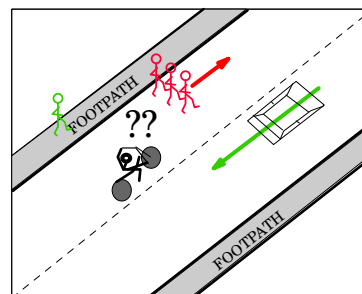
### Responsibilities of slow traffic

Slow traffic needs to keep left-most.

Bicyclists need to stay within the white stripes that we have on most big roads on campus.

Rickshaws need to stay as left as possible.

If pedestrians and slow traffic fulfil these responsibilities, then this will help protect our campus' environment by taking away one reason from motorcyclists and other drivers to sound their horns.



In this figure, the pedestrians are walking on the road. How will the motorcyclist go? Squeeze through between the car and the pedestrians? To find a path, he will honk. If the pedestrians instead walk on the footpath, the motorcyclist will have a clear path. So, he won't honk => **Sound pollution will be reduced => We can all be happy and healthy!**

### More information

The following website has plenty of information and also online tests that you can try out<sup>1</sup>.

<http://www.chandigarhtrafficpolice.org/>

Want to see what traffic rules are followed by the citizens of USA?

<http://www.drivershandbook.com/handbooks/usa/>

IITK Traffic Group has a Yahoo group:

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