

Unit 8: Section 1

Emergency Prevention

Unit Overview

The biggest cause of collisions is failure to yield right-of-way. You must be sure to be careful any time you are behind the wheel. There is always a chance of colliding. Nearly all fatal collisions are caused by driver error. The choices that you make behind the wheel affects your life and the lives of others.

Sign Starter Question

Every lesson has a reading assignment. There is an interactive portion that you need to complete to get credit for your reading assignment. The first section of the interactive portion asks you to identify the sign. There will be a sign identification portion on your written test that you will take at the BMV. You must pass this portion in order to get your license. **If you are not sure about the name of a sign, then check Indiana Driver's Manual Chapter 4.*



What sign is this?

Obstacle Avoidance

If you see an obstacle in front of you, then you generally have three choices, stop quickly, turn quickly, or speed up.

Stop quickly – You should slow or stop quickly if there is an obstacle that you can avoid hitting. Be careful to not stop so quickly that you will start into a skid. If you are skidding, then you are not in complete control of the vehicle.

Turn quickly – Always try and keep an exit path open to avoid an accident. Don't get yourself trapped in a bad situation by being too close to the car in front of you. Try and avoid leaving the road, and never in any situation, turn into oncoming traffic.

Speed up – You may be able to avoid an accident by increasing your speed. For example, if you are already in an intersection and there is oncoming traffic. In this case, it is probable that you should speed up and not slow or stop.

Avoiding Collisions

Avoiding a collision is a matter of being attentive, responsive, and logical in your decisions. As a driver it is your responsibility to try and prevent any collision or emergency that you can. If you can prevent a collision that isn't your fault, then you still prevent an accident. Keep your eyes open and be ready to react to anything.

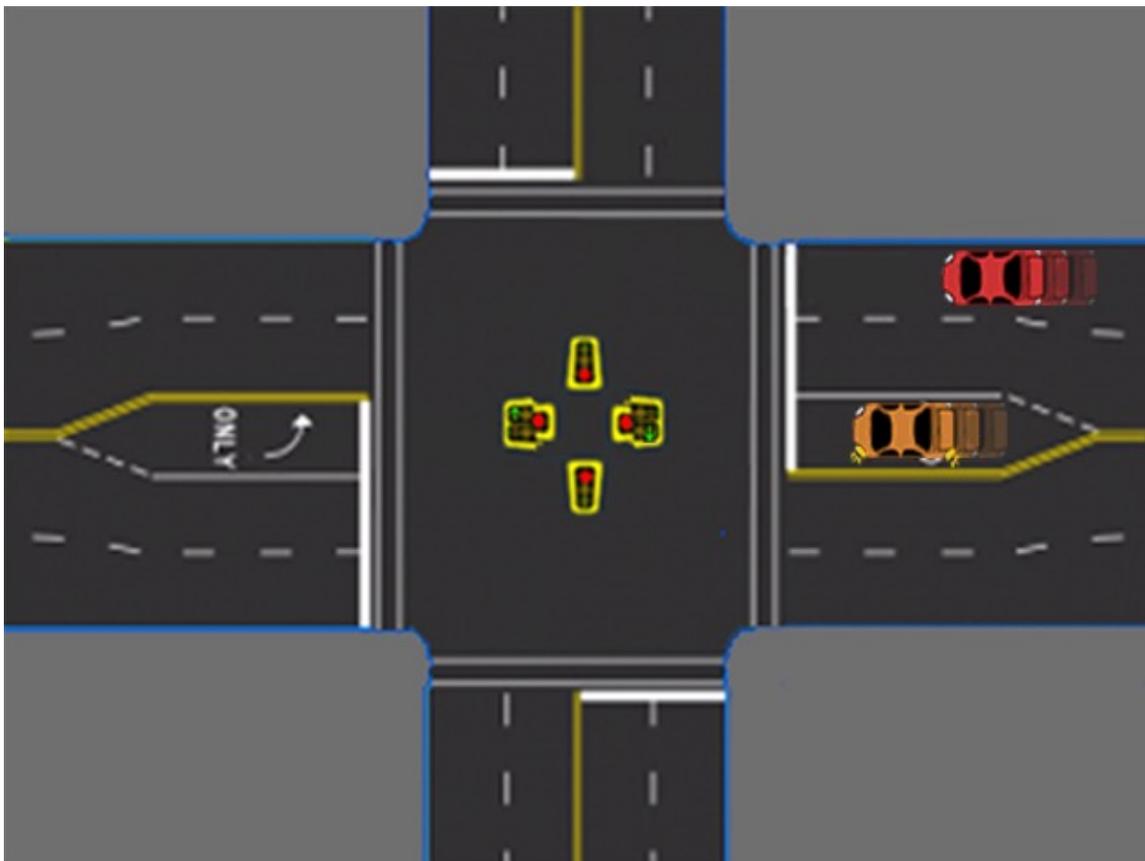
Sometimes no matter what you do, a collision is going to occur. If you are in a situation where a collision is imminent, then you need to make sure that you keep your head and keep control. Try and maintain control of your vehicle. If you don't keep control of the vehicle, then you could end up getting into a secondary collision.

Ask Your Parents

There is an infinite amount of ways in which you could get in or avoid a collision. Ask your parents if they have any tips for avoiding collisions.

Right of Way Quiz

Every lesson has a reading assignment. There is an interactive portion that you need to complete to get credit for your reading assignment. Each interactive portion has a question about the Right of Way Quiz. To get credit for this question you must identify the color of the car that has the right of way in the following example.



A red car and a tan car are approaching a red light that has a green left turn arrow. The tan car is turning left and the red car is going straight. Who has the right of way?