



How to Make Right Turns

The American Trucking Associations and the National Safety Council suggest truck drivers follow these safety tips to prevent right-turn collisions.



Get in the proper lane as quickly and safely as you can before you turn.

Signal well in advance for every turn. Signal continuously. You need both hands on the wheel to turn safely.

On the approach stay close to the curb to block other vehicles that might try to pass you on the right. However this won't discourage some motorists from sneaking in, so always anticipate that someone may try to pass you on the right and be prepared to stop. **These collisions are preventable on your part.**

Look at the path you want to turn into. Identify pedestrians, approaching vehicles and other obstacles that can challenge your turn.

Slow down. Turn slowly – at no more than three miles per hour - so you can stop and have time to properly maneuver in a short space if needed.

Pull out into the intersecting street to turn and give the rear wheels room as you keep the right side closed off.

Make your turn without crossing the center line of the street you are leaving and, if possible, not into the opposing traffic lanes of the road you are entering.

Re-check for any motorists, pedestrians or bicyclists cutting in on the right before completing the turn.

Watch your trailer tracking to make sure it does not ride up on the curb where it could strike someone or something.

