

# Lesson #11

**Review:** Lesson #10

**Destination:** Interstate 74 into Peoria

## SKILLS

### A. Merging onto Highway or Expressway

1. Once on entrance ramp, check front and rear zones; should be going ramp speed
2. When you are able, look back at the roadway you are entering and look for a gap to join traffic
3. When at acceleration point on ramp, begin accelerating at speed of traffic you are joining
4. Treat merge like a lane change
  - ✓ Merge into the nearest lane of the direction you are going that is legal to be in
  - ✓ Make sure roadway is clear ahead
  - ✓ Check rearview mirror and outside mirror of intended lane change
  - ✓ Check blind spot of intended lane change (Physically turn and look over your shoulder)
  - ✓ Signal in direction of lane change
  - ✓ Check path of travel again; get to speed of traffic you are entering
  - ✓ Move into intended lane, maintaining or increasing your speed; do not brake
  - ✓ Cancel signal
  - ✓ Adjust speed to traffic flow

### B. Exiting From Highway or Expressway

1. Signal at least 200 feet before exit; move to lane position 3
2. Check mirrors
3. Maintain speed until you are in deceleration lane
4. Get down to ramp speed
5. Cancel signal

### C. Guide Signs

1. Recognize ahead of time, before exit

**D. Route Signs**

1. State Routes (White and Black)
2. Interstate Routes (Red-White-Blue)

**E. Interstate Speed**

1. 65 MPH unless otherwise posted

**F. Left on Red**

1. The only way it can be done is if you are on a one-way street and turning onto a one-way street
2. Left on red is legal when no sign prohibits it

**G. Business and Residential Driving**

1. 25MPH unless otherwise posted

**H. City Driving**

1. Identify
  - ✓ Be vigorous in using visual skills
2. Predict
  - ✓ Predict possible points of conflict quickly
3. Decide
  - ✓ Be ready to communicate or adjust your vehicle position
4. Execute
  - ✓ Be ready to use vehicle's controls to make smooth, low-risk maneuvers in traffic

**I. One-Way Streets**

1. Recognize one-way streets
  - ✓ One-way sign
  - ✓ Signs on both sides of street and facing same direction
  - ✓ Cars parked in same direction on both sides of street
  - ✓ Lanes are divided by broken white lines
2. Turn into closest lane going in your direction
3. When on one-way street, turn from closest lane of direction you are going

**J. Flashing Yellow on Traffic Light**

1. Be vigorous in search pattern
2. Be prepared to slow or stop (cover brake)

**K. 2-Lanes of Traffic Going Same Direction**

1. Right Lane – Speed limit traffic; try to stay in this lane unless turning left
2. Left lane – Faster traffic
3. It is Never Legal to Speed

**L. Perpendicular Parking**

1. Signal
2. Move as far left or right of intended parking space as possible
3. Brake and keep brake covered
4. Turn into parking space when front bumper goes 5 feet past the taillight of the car you are parking next to
5. Aim for the middle of the parking space
6. Center car in the parking space
7. Secure vehicle

**M. Angle Parking**

1. Check behind you in mirror
2. Make sure angle parking spot is legal and clear of obstacles and pedestrians
3. Position car at least 6 feet from the car you are parking next to
4. Cover brake and signal
5. As soon as you can look directly down the first line of your parking spot (reference point), turn wheels and look to the center of the parking spot
6. Creep forward and stop before tires hit the curb

**RESOURCES**

**Drive Right Textbook:** Chapter 2; Chapter 10; Chapter 16

**KEY LEARNING POINTS**

**Remember Terms:**

- ✓ IPDE Process
- ✓ Orderly Visual Search Pattern
- ✓ Smith System
- ✓ Guide Signs
- ✓ Route Signs
- ✓ Merging onto Expressway
- ✓ Exiting Expressway
- ✓ Left on Red
- ✓ Right on Red
- ✓ Speed Limits
- ✓ Lane Position
- ✓ Flashing Yellow (No School Zone)
- ✓ What lane should I be in?
- ✓ Protected Left Turn
- ✓ Traffic Lights

**Practice Area:**

- ✓ Business 24 to Route 116W to East Peoria
- ✓ Interstate 74 West into Peoria
- ✓ Either Adams Street Exit or Glen Oak Exit