

Lesson #1

Orientation: My expectations for BTW

Destination: Washington Residential

SKILLS

A. Pre-Entry

1. Walk around vehicle; check for vandalism, obstructions
2. Choose safest backing path

B. Pre-Movement

1. Put key in ignition
2. Lock doors
3. Adjust seat and mirrors
4. Put seat belt on and adjust as needed
5. Adjust headrest and tilt wheel
6. Start vehicle (Right foot on brake)
7. Check fuel gauge
8. Release parking brake if engaged

C. Securing the Vehicle

1. Gear selector in "P" (Park)
2. Set parking brake, if needed
3. Turn off wipers and lights, if needed
4. Exit vehicle with keys in hand
5. Lock doors

D. Controls and Gauges

1. Locate and operate all devices (wipers, lights, radio, AC, heater, defrosters, turn signals, hazard lights)
2. Identify all gauges and know what they mean

E. Starting and Stopping

1. Right foot braking and right foot accelerating
 - ✓ Right foot heel should be on the floor when using the brake and accelerator, pivoting between the two pedals
 - ✓ Think smooth

F. Backing

1. Left hand at 12 o'clock on steering wheel when backing straight or to the right
2. Right arm on passenger seat when backing straight or to the right
3. Right hand at 12 o'clock when backing to the left

4. Look toward the direction you are backing, occasionally checking the vehicles you are parked next to
5. Back up at a walking speed; have brake covered

G. Tracking

1. Center of car covering "Grease Spot" (Any discoloration on center of lane)
2. Should look 12-15 seconds ahead down the center of your lane (Target area)

H. Intersection Recognition

1. Recognize your traffic control (Stop or Yield) and traffic controls for cross traffic
2. Always look LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT before crossing or turning at an intersection
3. Give yourself plenty of time (GAP) to cross an intersection or join traffic to the right or to the left
4. Always have a clear line of sight at intersections
✓ Go very slow if line of sight is not clear

I. Turning

1. Left turns – Turn just before ½ way through the intersection
2. Right turns – Turn as soon as your front bumper gets to the street
3. Slow to 10-15 MPH before turning at an uncontrolled intersection (no traffic controls)
4. Accelerate ½ way through your turn
5. Use hand-over-hand steering
6. Look down your path of travel
7. Check mirrors before turning
8. Signal 100 feet before the turn in residential and business districts
9. Resume posted speed limit

J. Sign Recognition

1. Look for speed limit signs
2. Look for warning signs
3. Look for traffic controls

K. Line of Sight

1. Cover brake and go very slowly until you have a clear line of sight down your path of travel and in both directions

RESOURCES

Drive Right Textbook: Chapter 2; Chapter 3, Chapter 4, Chapter 5

S.O.S. Parent-Teen Driving Guide: Pages 8, 9, 10, 11

KEY LEARNING POINTS

Remember Visual Habits:

- ✓ LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT at intersections
- ✓ Your traffic control and cross traffic control at intersections
- ✓ Recognize signs and meaning

Remember Terms:

- ✓ Right foot braking
- ✓ Right foot accelerating
- ✓ Look where you are backing
- ✓ "Grease Spot" (tracking line)
- ✓ Sight distance (12-15 seconds ahead)
- ✓ GAP – time to join traffic safely
- ✓ Hand-over-hand steering
- ✓ Path of travel
- ✓ Line of sight

Practice Area:

- ✓ Residential
- ✓ Parking lot
- ✓ Light traffic country road
- ✓ Driveway