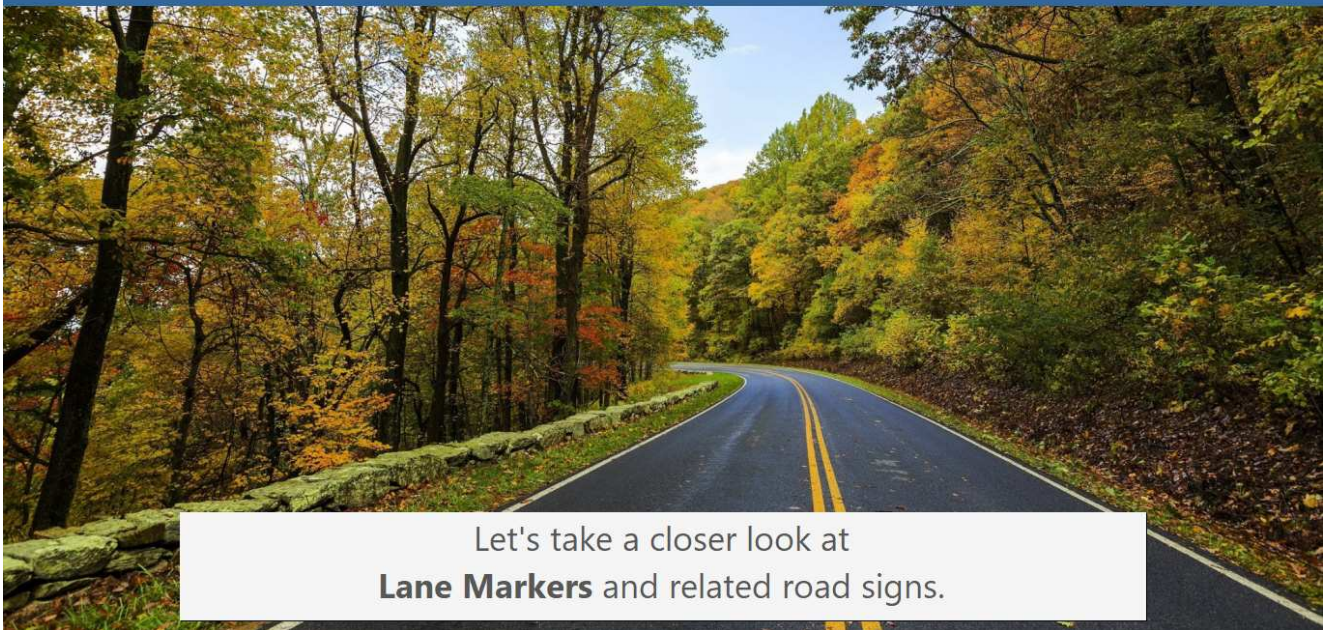


### Lane Markers

Welcome to this **Perfect Driver** course. Throughout this course, we are going to look at the law, skills, techniques, and ideas to help you become a better, and safer driver.

In this lesson, we'll look at **Lane Markers**.

### Lane Markers



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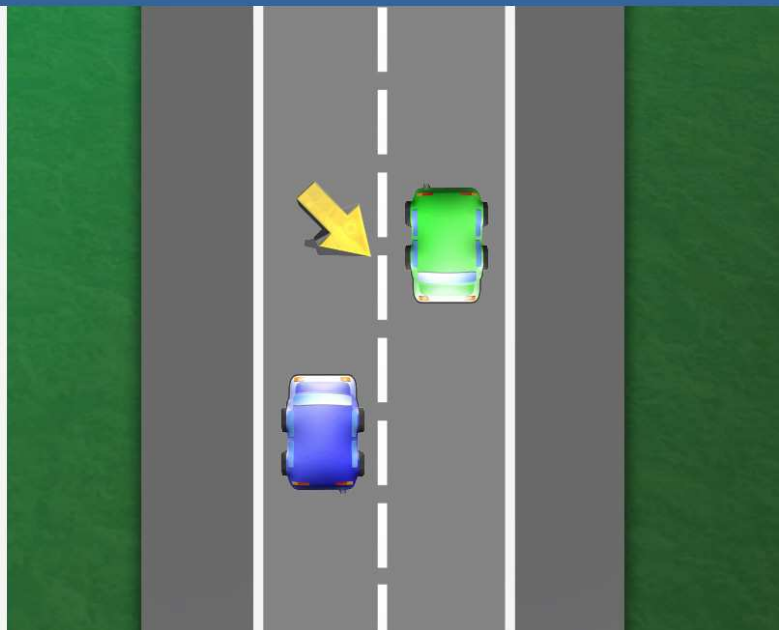
**Lane Markers** are used to define each lane, but also to tell you which lanes you are allowed to travel in, and when you can overtake, or change from one lane to another.



### Lane Markers

Pictured here is a typical suburban road. Down the middle of the road is a single broken white line.

You are required by law to travel in the middle of your lane. In Australia, we drive in the left-hand lane (in the USA, they drive on the right-hand side).



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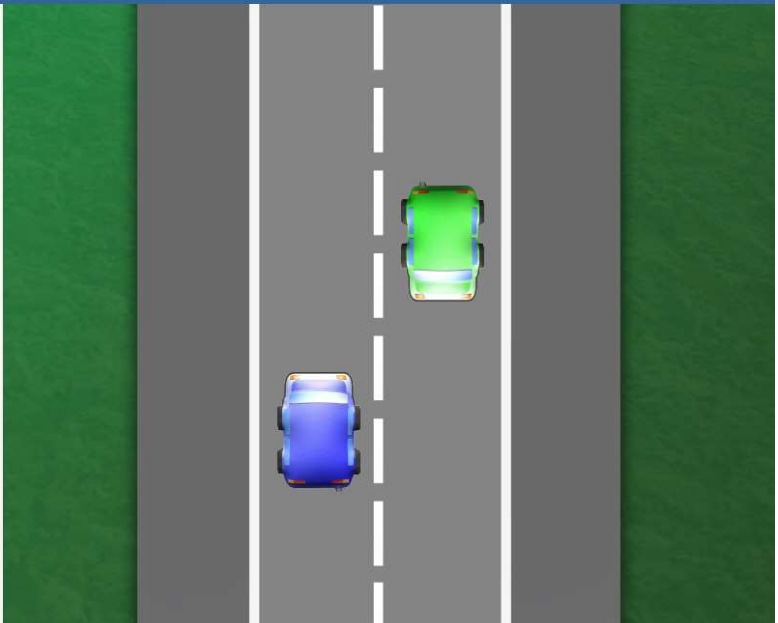
If there are no lines in the middle of the road, as often happens on suburban roads (and as you can see here), you must drive on the left-hand side of that road.

A top-down view of a two-lane road. The road is represented by two parallel grey vertical bars. Between these bars is a solid grey bar, and on the outer sides of the road are green grassy areas. A blue car is positioned in the left lane, and a green car is in the right lane. There are no white lines in the center of the road.

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Most suburban roads will have a single dashed line down the middle of the road, indicating the lanes drivers should drive in.

If required, drivers are allowed to cross single dashed white lines. This means when overtaking, parking, or turning into other roads or premises.

A top-down view of a two-lane road, similar to the one above but with a single dashed white line running down the center between the two grey road bars. A blue car is in the left lane and a green car is in the right lane.

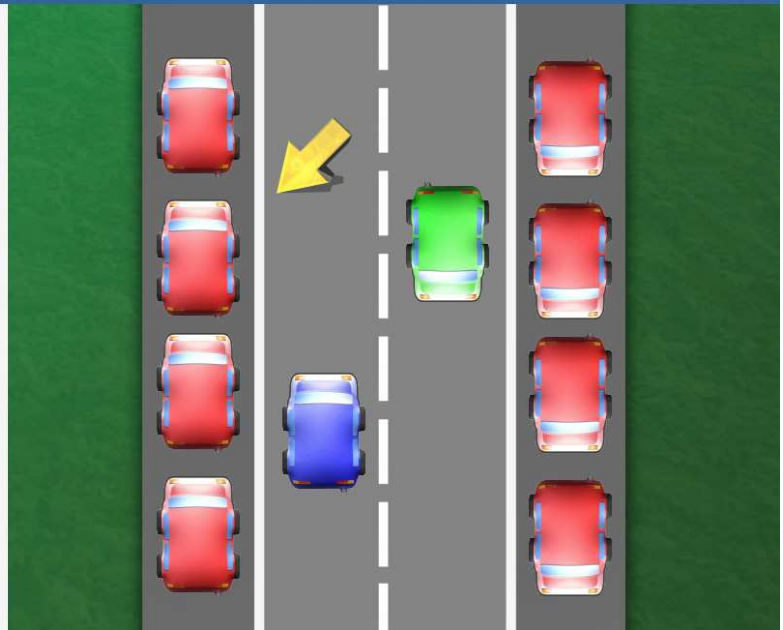
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On each side of the road here is a single unbroken white line. This indicates that the driver cannot cross this line when driving. It marks, in this case, the end of the road.

A driver is allowed to cross this line if parking, or pulling into a driveway. Here, the red cars represent cars parked along this road.

These parked cars are allowed to cross this white line when re-entering traffic from a parked position, or from a driveway.



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We discussed bike lanes in another lesson, but a bicycle lane marked as you see here is only for bicycles. You are not allowed to drive in this lane.

You can cross into this lane only when parking or entering a driveway, and only with extreme care.





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A **BUS ONLY** lane is like a bicycle lane, but of course, only for buses. You are not allowed to travel in a **BUS ONLY** lane, unless specific times are displayed in **BUS ONLY** signs.



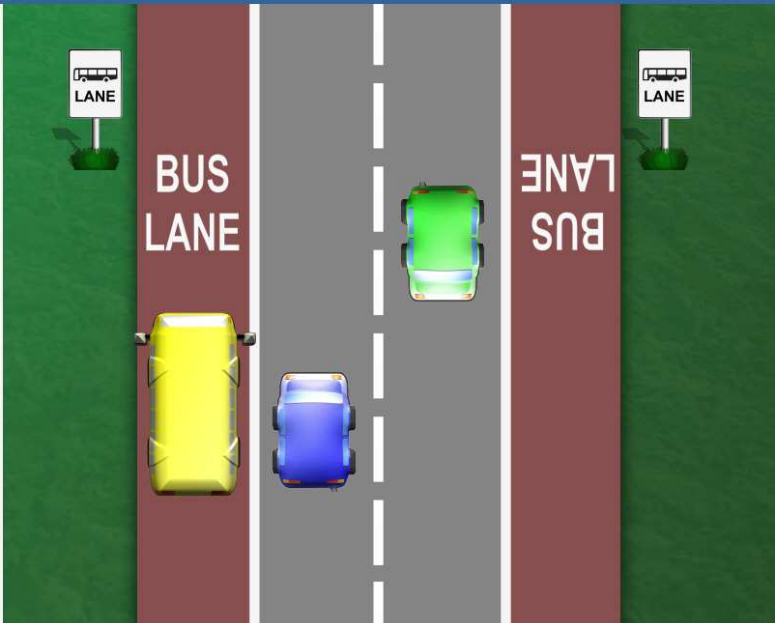
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A lane marked as a **BUS LANE** (as opposed to a **BUS ONLY** lane) is allowed to be used by:

- Taxis.
- Hire cars (but not rental cars).
- Motorcycles and bicycles.
- Emergency vehicles.

You are also permitted to travel in a **BUS LANE** for up to 100 metres to:

- Turn into or out of a street.
- Enter or leave a property adjacent to the bus lane.
- Pass another vehicle that has stopped to turn right or to avoid an obstruction.



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When a road is a **DIVIDED ROAD**, as illustrated here, traffic from opposite directions are separated by distance or some sort of barrier. In this case, there are two lanes travelling in each direction, with a barrier separating them.

The white dashed line down the centre of each road indicates that drivers in both directions are allowed to change lanes or overtake freely.



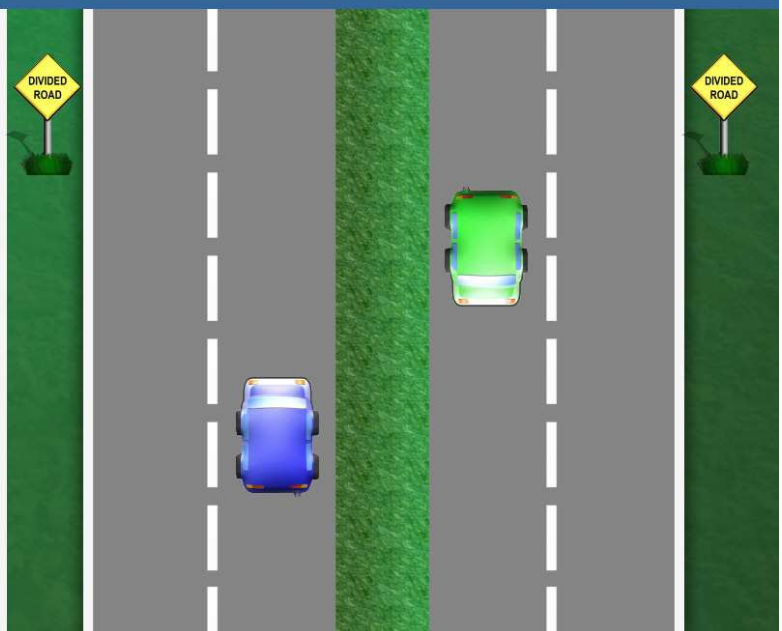
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In the scenario on the right, there is one rule to be aware of, which we cover in more detail elsewhere:

When on a multi-lane highway, where the speed limit is more than 80km/h, you must not drive in the right-hand lane unless you are:

- Overtaking.
- About to Turn Right.
- About to Perform a Legal U-Turn.
- Avoiding an Obstacle.

The same rules apply if a **Keep Left Unless Overtaking** sign appears - regardless of the speed limit.



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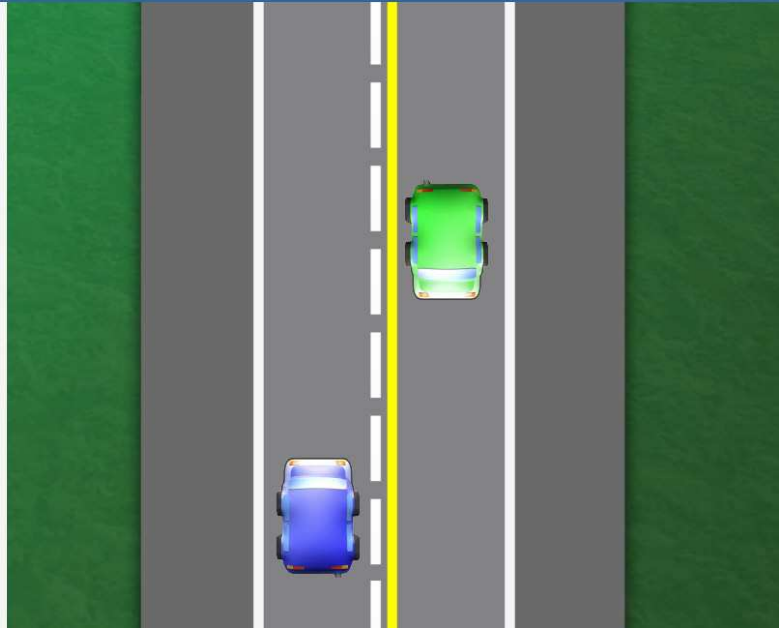
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Here, we are back to standard suburban road.

This time, however, there are two lines down the centre of the road. One is a white dotted line, and the other an unbroken yellow line.

The blue car obeys the line on their side - which is a broken white line. This means that the blue car can move into, or cross, the green car's lane if required.

The green car, on the other hand, obeys the line on their side - which is an unbroken yellow line. This means the green car driver cannot cross these lines to overtake or do a U-Turn.



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This time, the tables are turned. The blue car cannot overtake or perform a **U-Turn** or **Three Point Turn** over these lines.

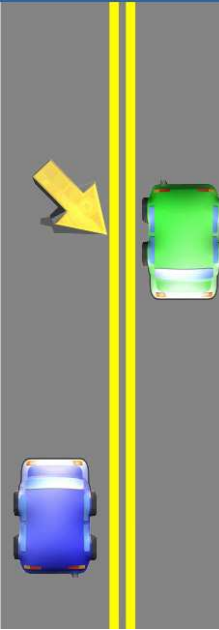
The green car, however, can cross these lines and enter into, or cross, the blue car's lane if required.



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A double unbroken yellow line (even a single unbroken yellow line would have the same effect) means that neither the green or the blue car can enter into, or cross over, the other lane under any circumstances.



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Based on what we've just discussed, does this U-Turn look legal?

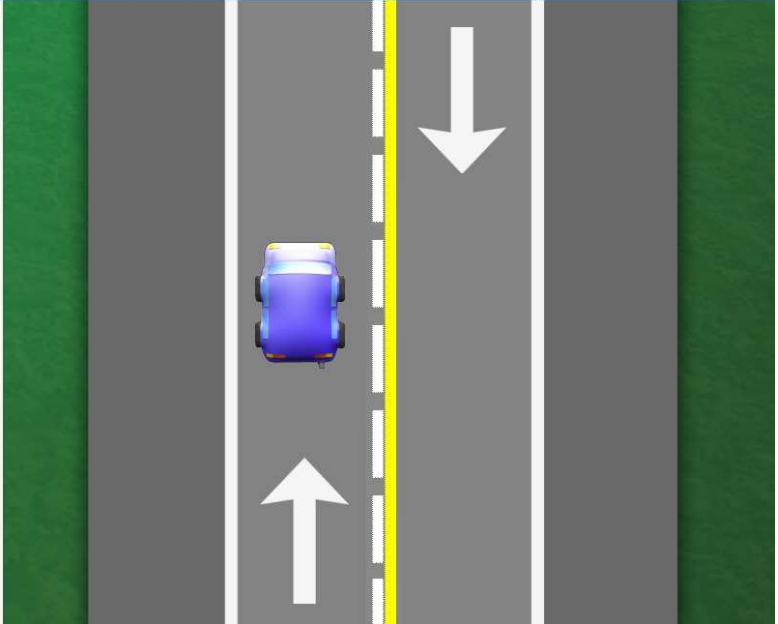




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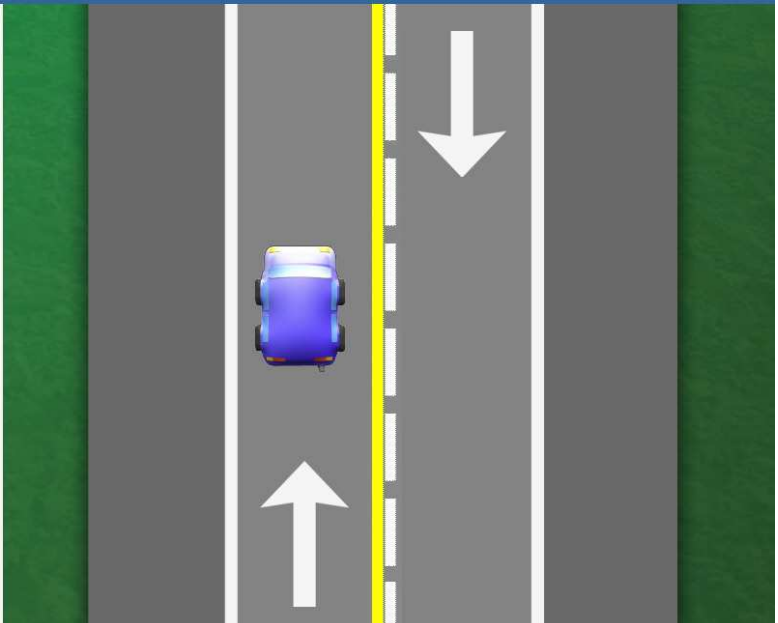
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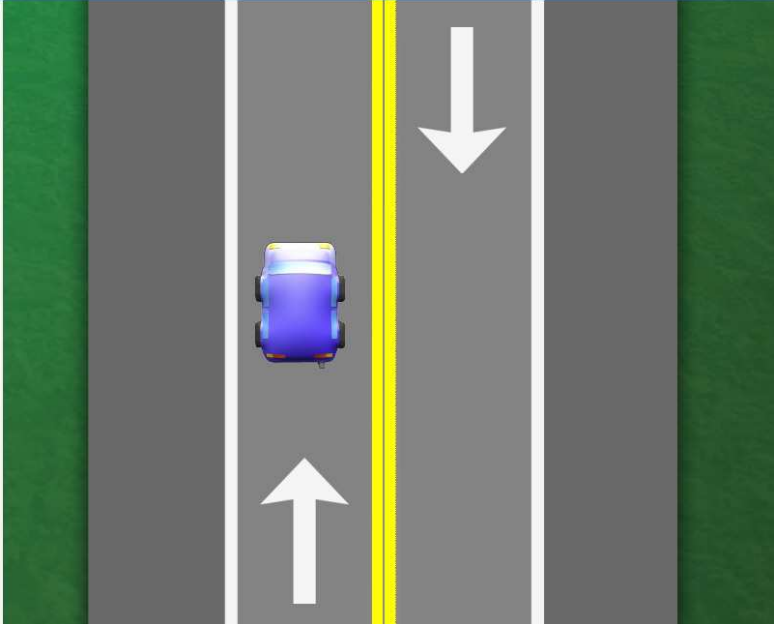
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The diagram shows a top-down view of a two-lane road. A solid double yellow line runs vertically down the center. A blue car is positioned in the left lane, facing away from the viewer. A large white arrow points upwards in the left lane, and another large white arrow points downwards in the right lane. The road is flanked by green grass on both sides.

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Based on what we've just discussed, does this overtaking by the blue car look legal?

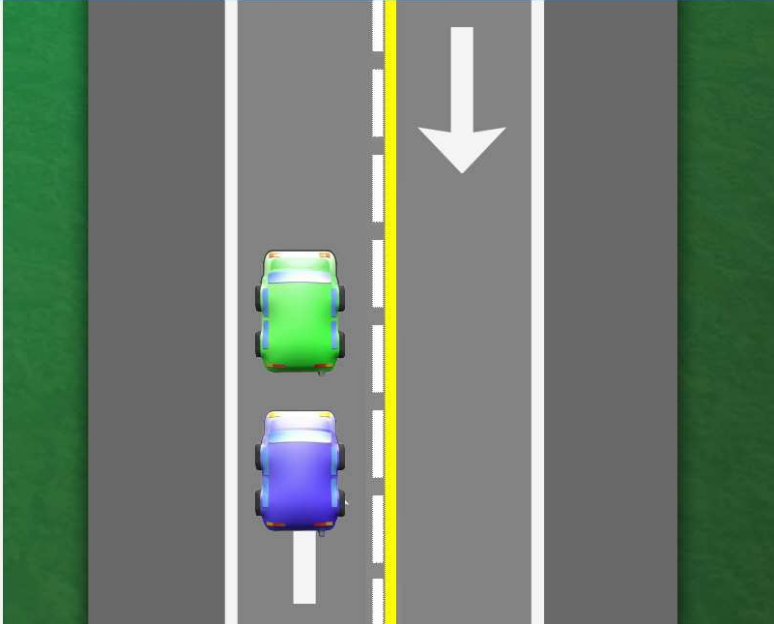


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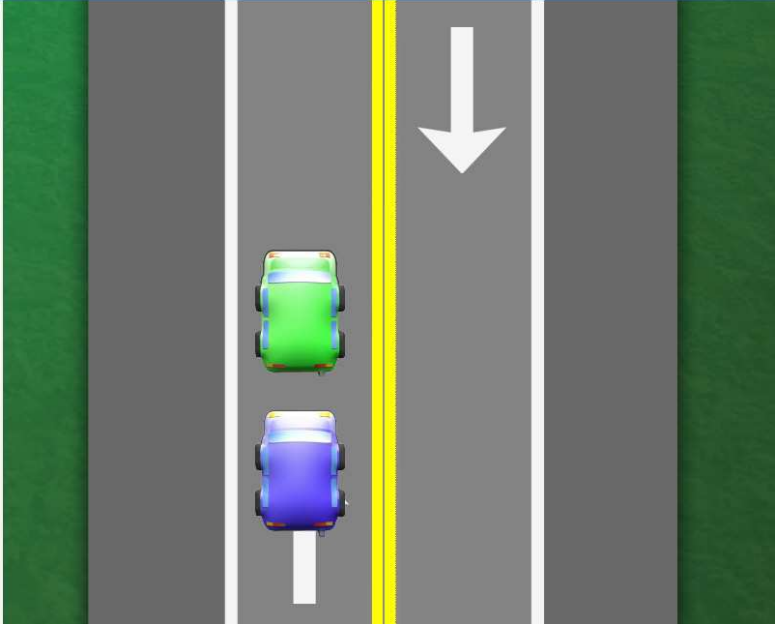
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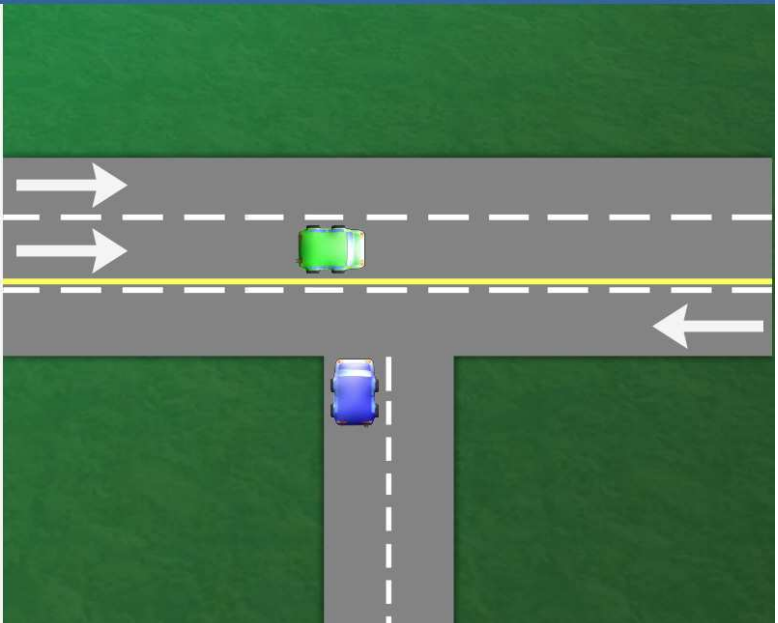
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### Lane Markers

When you are leaving one road to enter another, you are allowed to cross a single unbroken line in the centre of the road, no matter what side that unbroken line is on.

The blue car here can legally turn right.  
The green car here can also legally turn right.

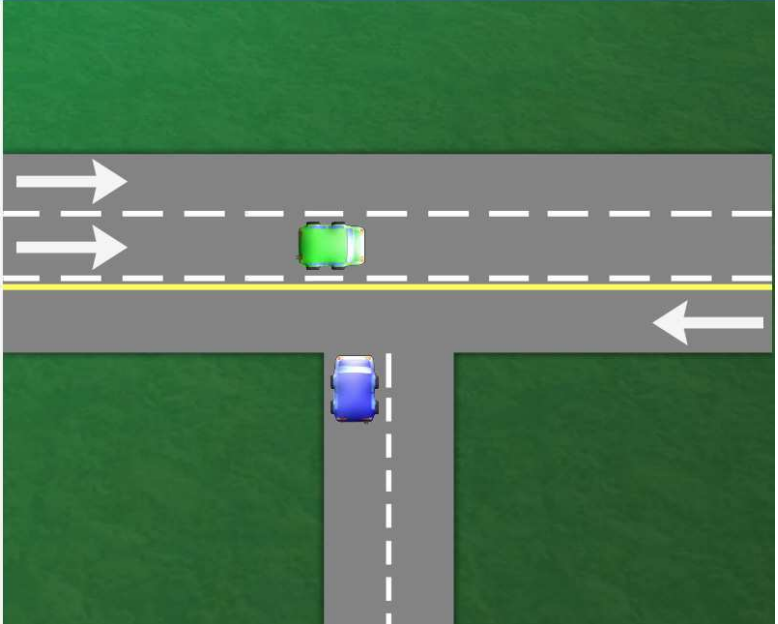


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Here, the lines have been moved around so that a yellow unbroken line is facing the blue car, and the broken line is facing the green car.

Because both are leaving one road to enter another, they can both legally turn right here.



The diagram shows a T-junction where a horizontal road meets a vertical road. The horizontal road has two lanes with dashed white center lines and solid white edge lines. A green car is in the left lane, and a blue car is in the right lane. A yellow solid line is drawn across the junction, facing the blue car. A white arrow points right from the green car's lane, and another white arrow points right from the blue car's lane. A white arrow points left from the horizontal road into the vertical road. The vertical road has a dashed white center line and solid white edge lines. The background is green grass.

### Lane Markers

Where there is a single unbroken line down the centre of a road:

- You **can** cross to enter or leave a road, including entering or leaving a property, and to safely pass cyclists.
- You **cannot** cross a single continuous centre line to overtake or do a U-turn.



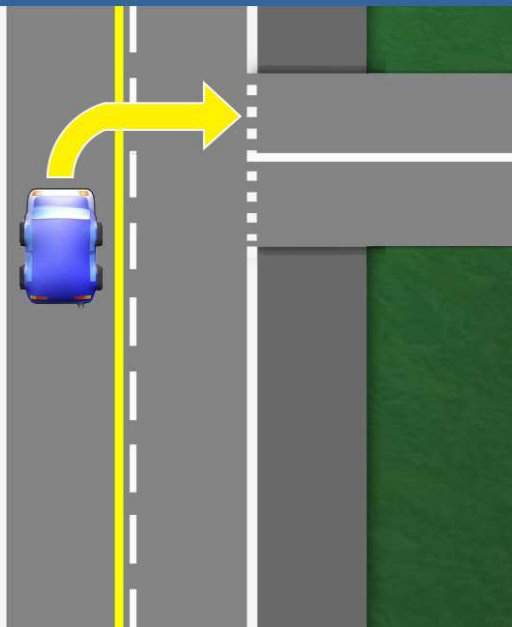
The diagram shows a road with a single unbroken white center line. A blue car is on the left side of the road, and a yellow arrow points from the car across the center line to the right side of the road. The road has solid white edge lines. The background is green grass.



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Where there is a single continuous centre line to the left of a broken line:

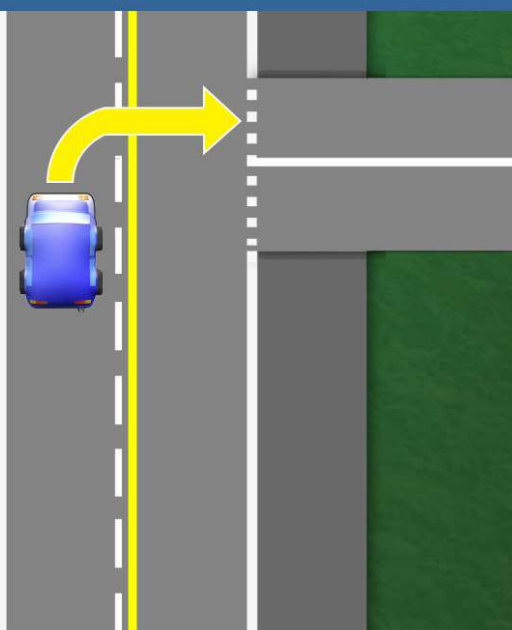
- You can enter or leave a property or road. You can also cross the line to pass a cyclist, provided it is safe to do so.
- Because you are on the same side of the road as the continuous line you cannot cross the line to overtake or do a U-turn.



### Lane Markers

Where there is a single continuous centre line to the right of a broken line, you can enter or leave a property or road.

You can also cross the line to pass a cyclist, provided it is safe to do so.



### Lane Markers

Down the middle of the road illustrated here is a double yellow line.

On this road, the driver of the blue car cannot turn into this street. The double yellow lines prevent them from doing so. The blue car cannot overtake, and cannot perform a U-Turn or Three Point Turn here.



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The only circumstance where the blue car can cross over the yellow lines is to pass a cyclist, if safe to do so. This means only where the driver has checked that there are no obstacles or oncoming traffic ahead.

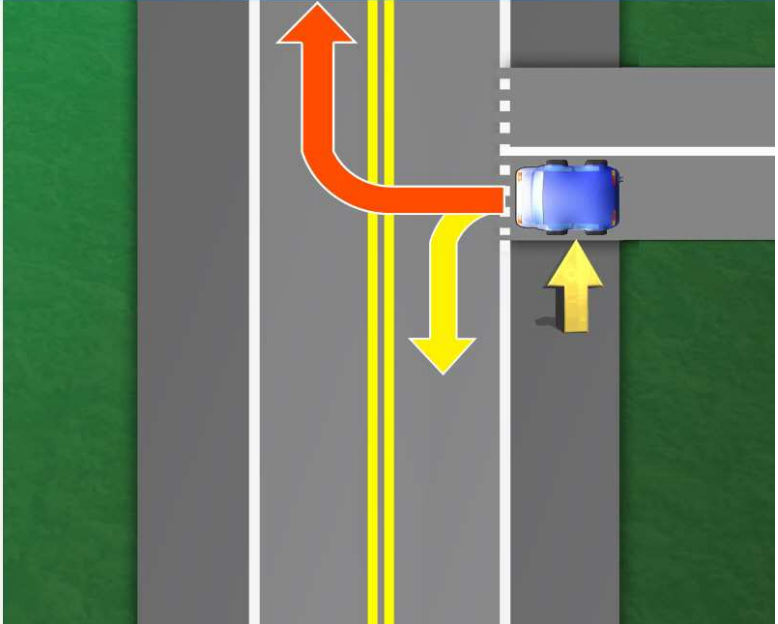
Ensure that you keep at least 1m space between you and the cyclist.



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Because no cars can cross these yellow unbroken lines, it also affects cars wishing to turn into the main road here.

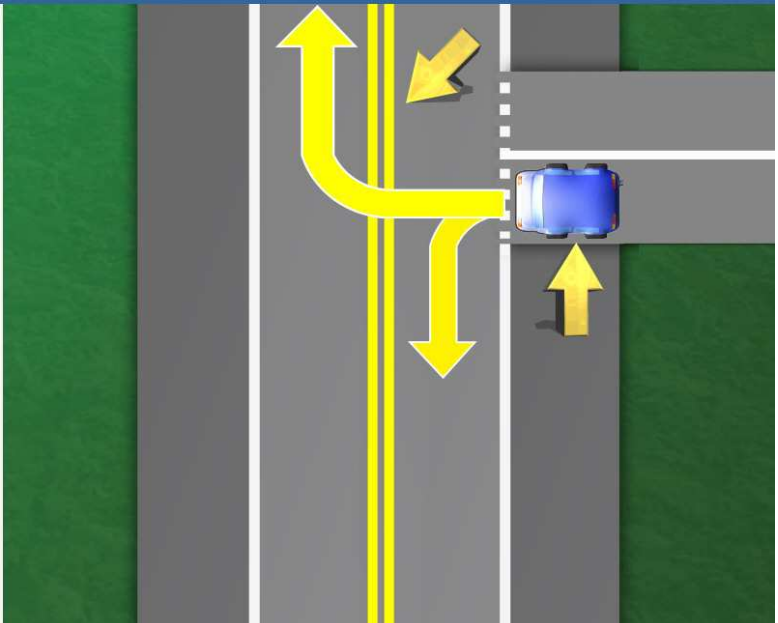
The highlighted car in this case can only turn left. This is because turning right would mean crossing the double yellow lines, which they are not allowed to do.



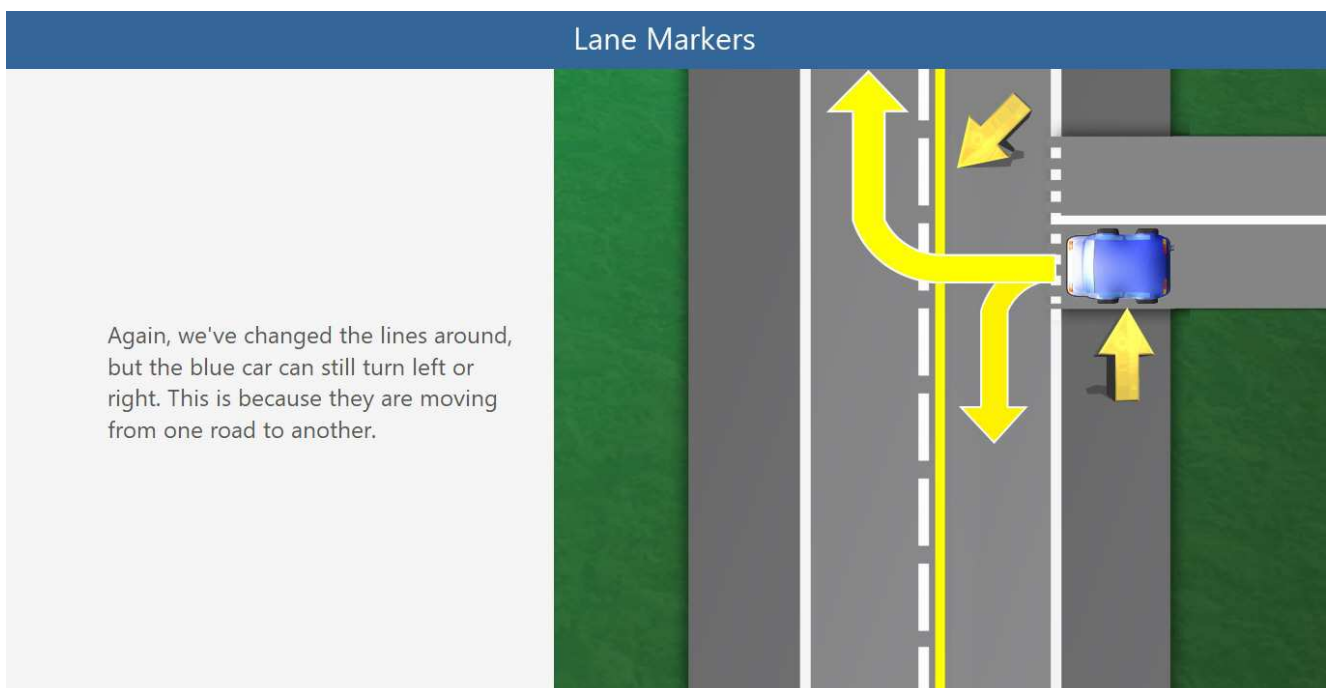
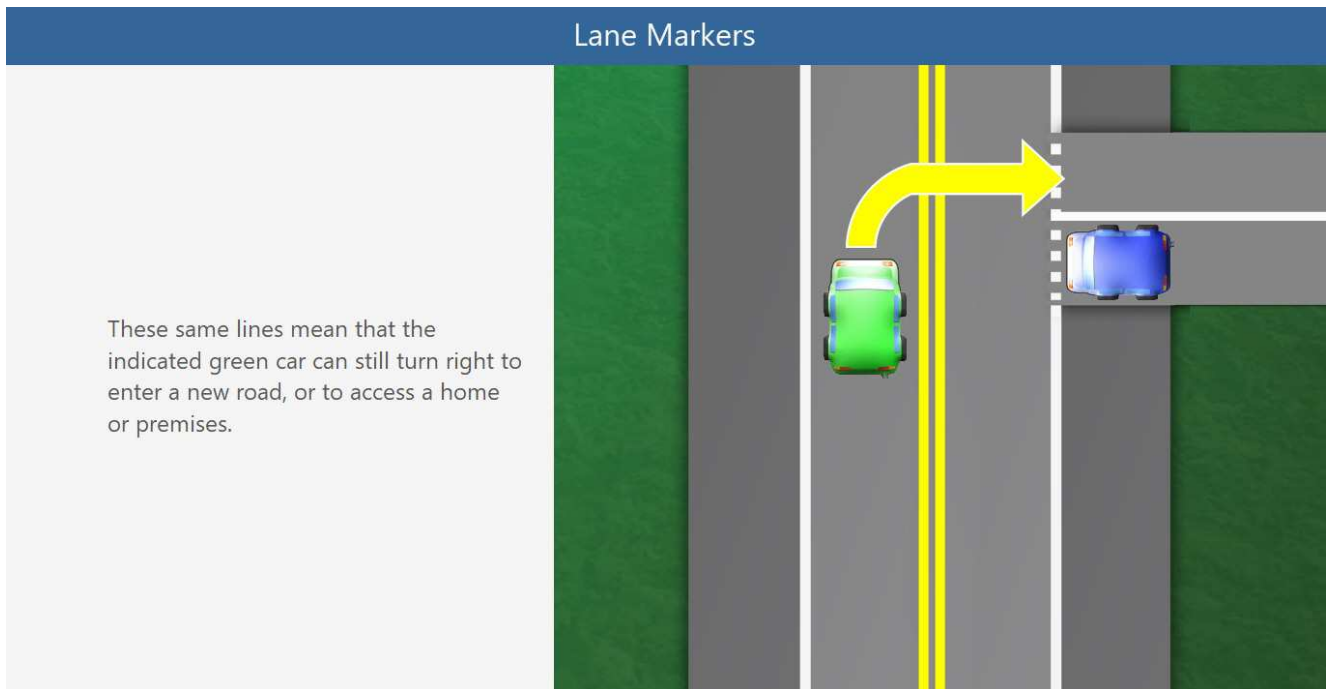
The diagram shows a side street intersecting a main road. The main road has two parallel yellow unbroken lines down its center. A blue car is positioned at the intersection, facing the main road. A yellow arrow points straight ahead from the car. A red arrow curves to the left, indicating a left turn. A yellow arrow curves to the right, indicating a right turn. The right turn arrow is positioned such that it would cross the double yellow lines, which is prohibited.

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If we now change the lines down the centre of the road so that the line facing the car coming out from the side street is a dashed white line, this allows the blue car to turn either left or right from this side street onto the main street.



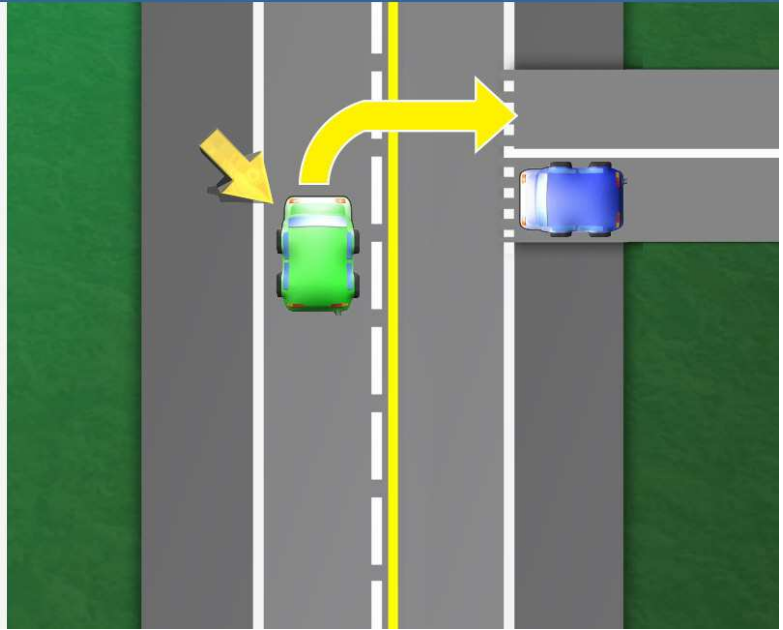
The diagram shows the same intersection as the first one, but the double yellow lines have been replaced by a dashed white line on the side facing the blue car. The blue car is still at the intersection. A yellow arrow points straight ahead. A yellow arrow curves to the left, and another yellow arrow curves to the right. Both the left and right turn arrows are now positioned such that they do not cross the dashed white line, allowing the car to turn in either direction.



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And, once again, the green car is free to turn right into a new road with these lines on the road.



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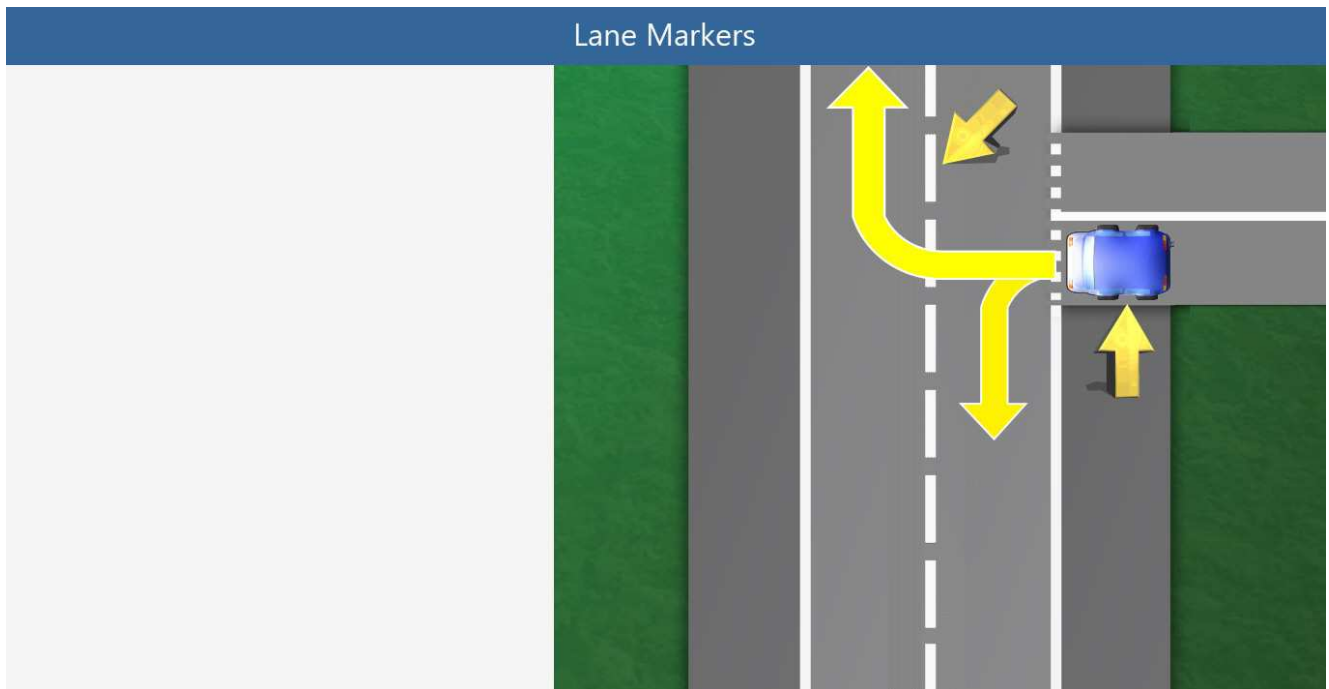
When you have to stop before turning, ensure that your wheels face forwards.

It's tempting to wait with your wheels turned in the direction you want to turn. However, if your wheels are turned to the right, and someone runs into the back of you, you will be pushed directly and dangerously into oncoming traffic. With wheels facing straight ahead, this is not the case.





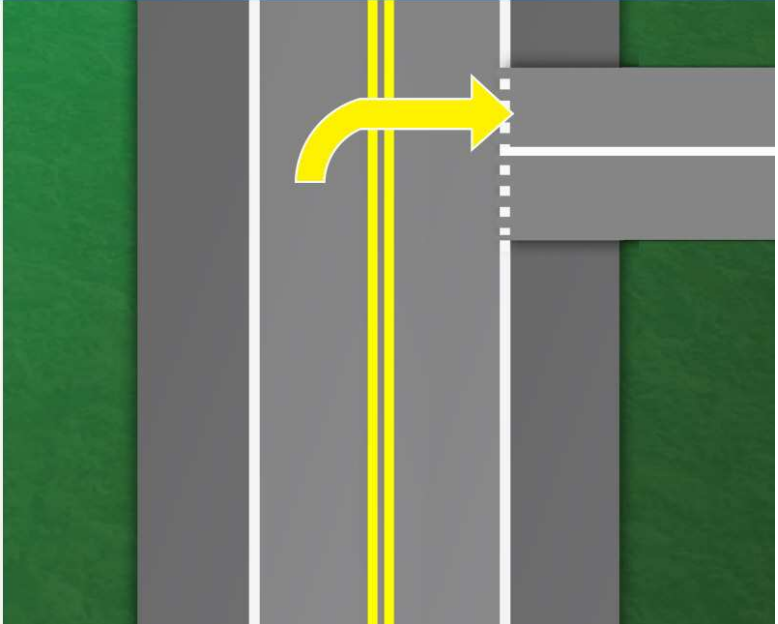
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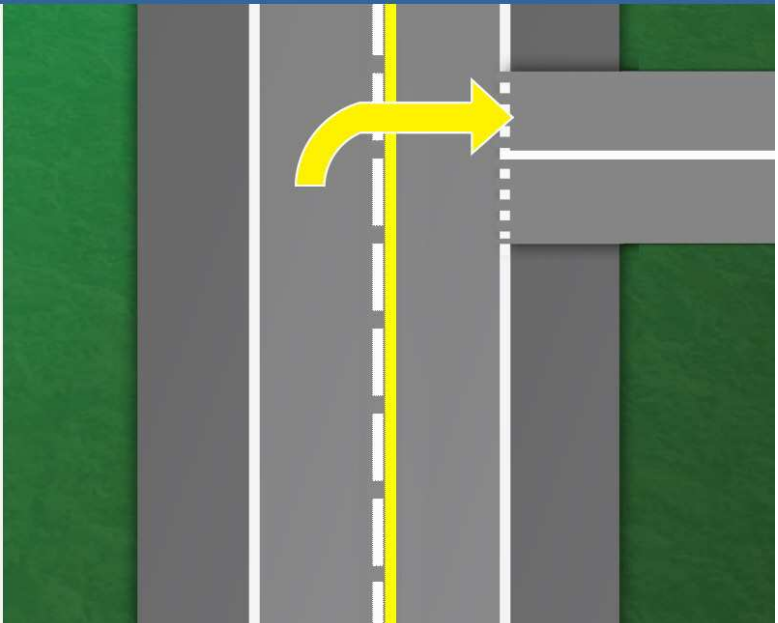
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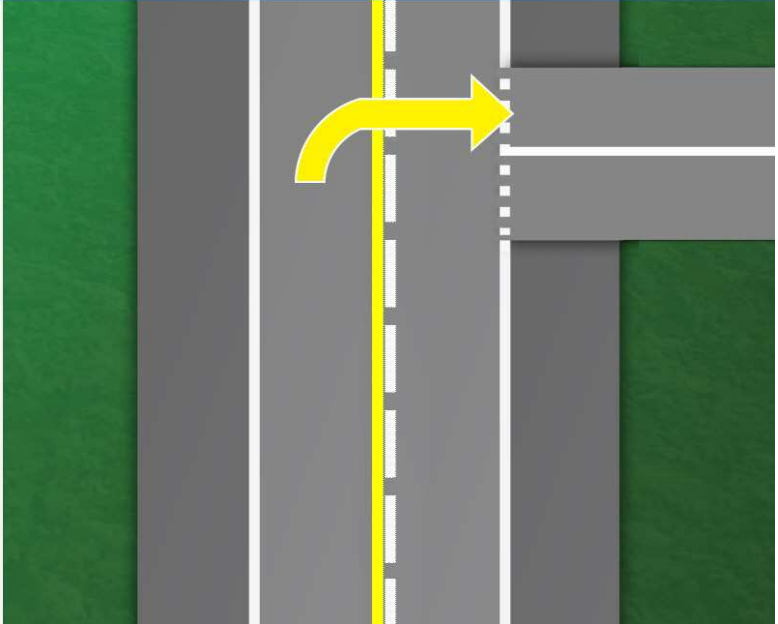
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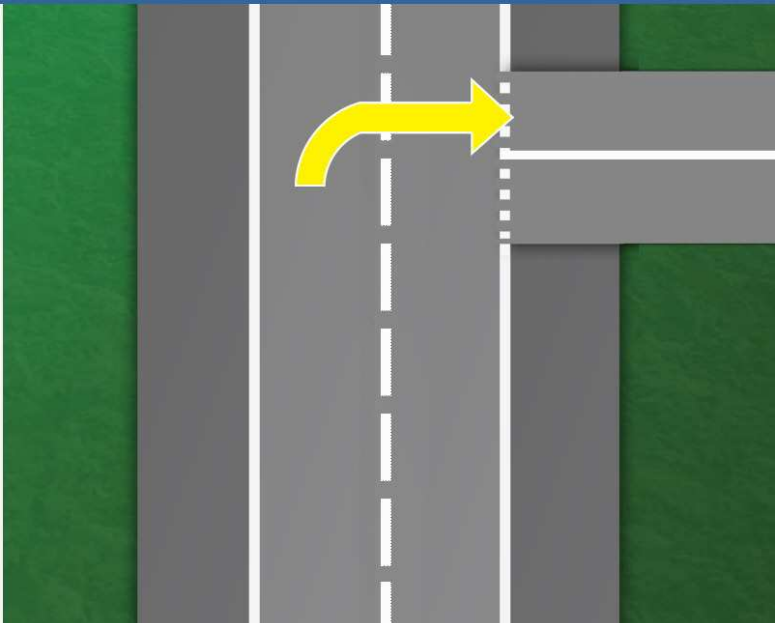
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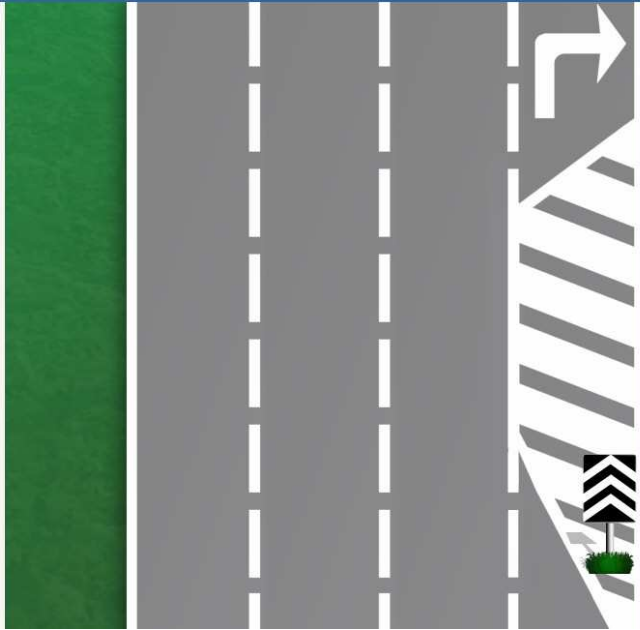
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**Painted Islands.** In this illustration, we have a right hand turn lane. Before this lane appears is what is called a **painted island**.

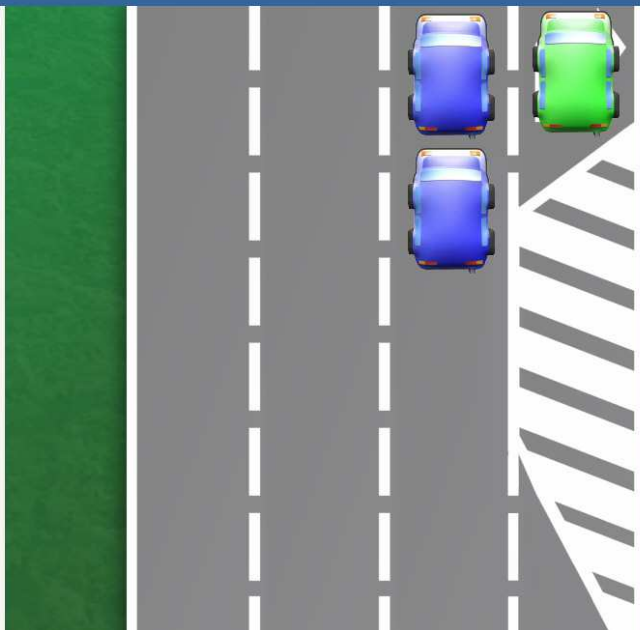
These appear frequently on our roads. Generally speaking, you are not to enter, drive on, or drive through these painted islands.

Painted islands may also contain a general hazard sign - meaning no entry.



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Where a painted island occurs like this one, you are allowed to cross over the painted island in order to enter a turning lane, if it appears immediately after the island.

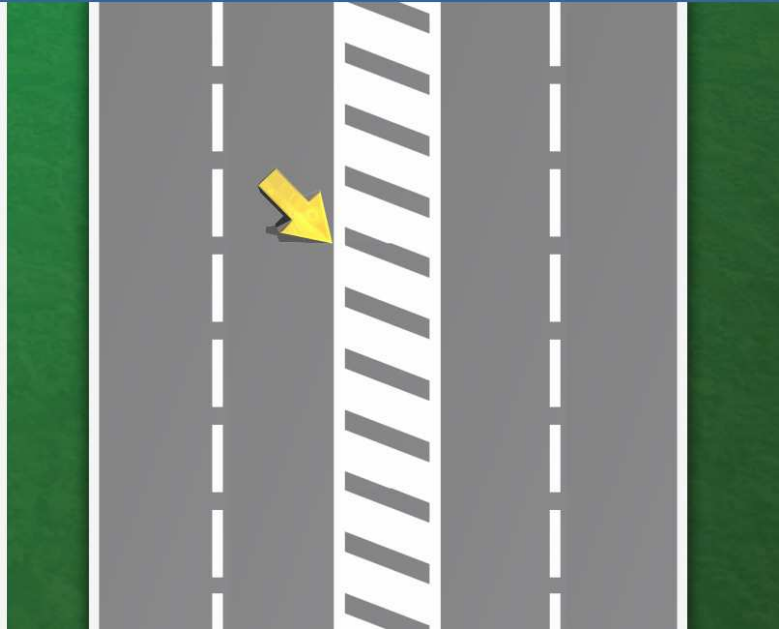


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Painted islands can be placed almost anywhere on the roads. Here, they separate lanes of traffic.

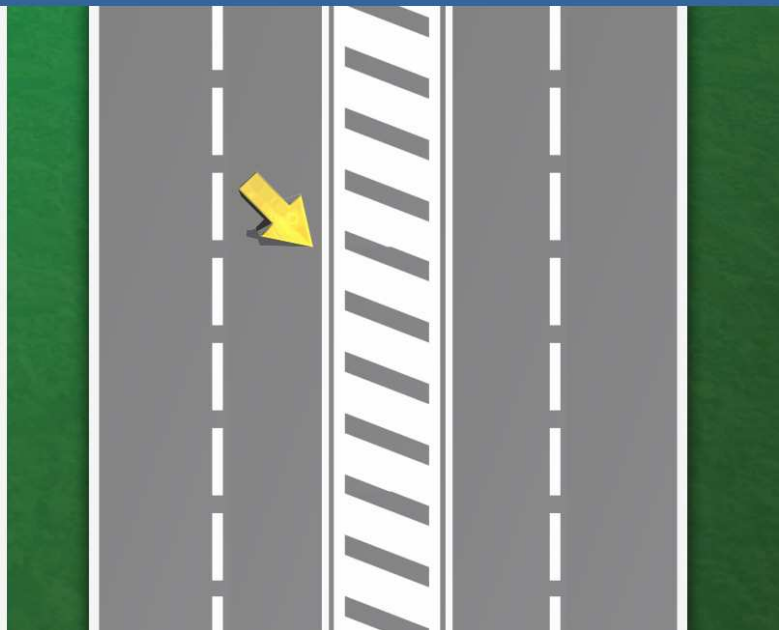
Painted islands always indicate an area that you are not allowed to enter.

If the painted island is surrounded by one continuous line, as seen here, you can cross over the island to leave one road and enter another.



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Where a painted island is enclosed in double continuous lines, it cannot be entered or driven in.





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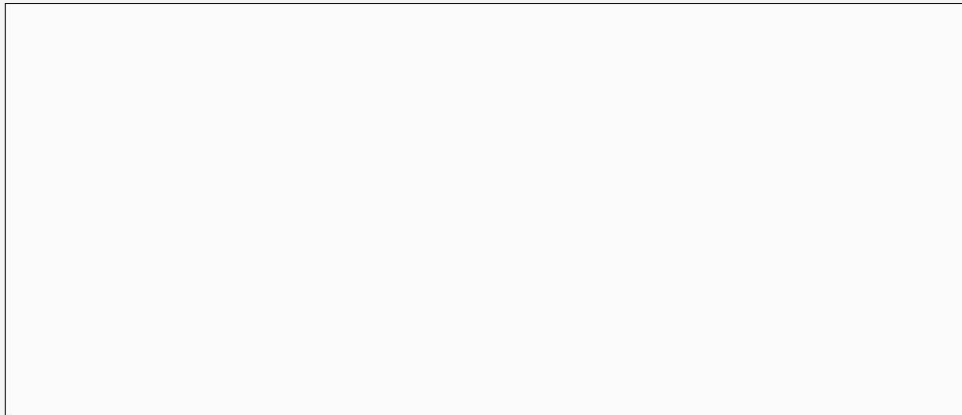
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- What are Lane Markers?, Drive in Your Lane.
- No Lane Markers.
- Dotted White Lines, Solid White Lines.
- Bicycle Lanes, Bus Lanes.
- Divided Road, Line Combinations, Double Yellow Lines.
- Turning Right, Turning From Side Road.
- Angle of Wheels When Turning.
- Painted Islands.

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**Signature.** It is very important that you use the mouse, or touch, to *sign* the form below. This helps us record your progress accurately.



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