

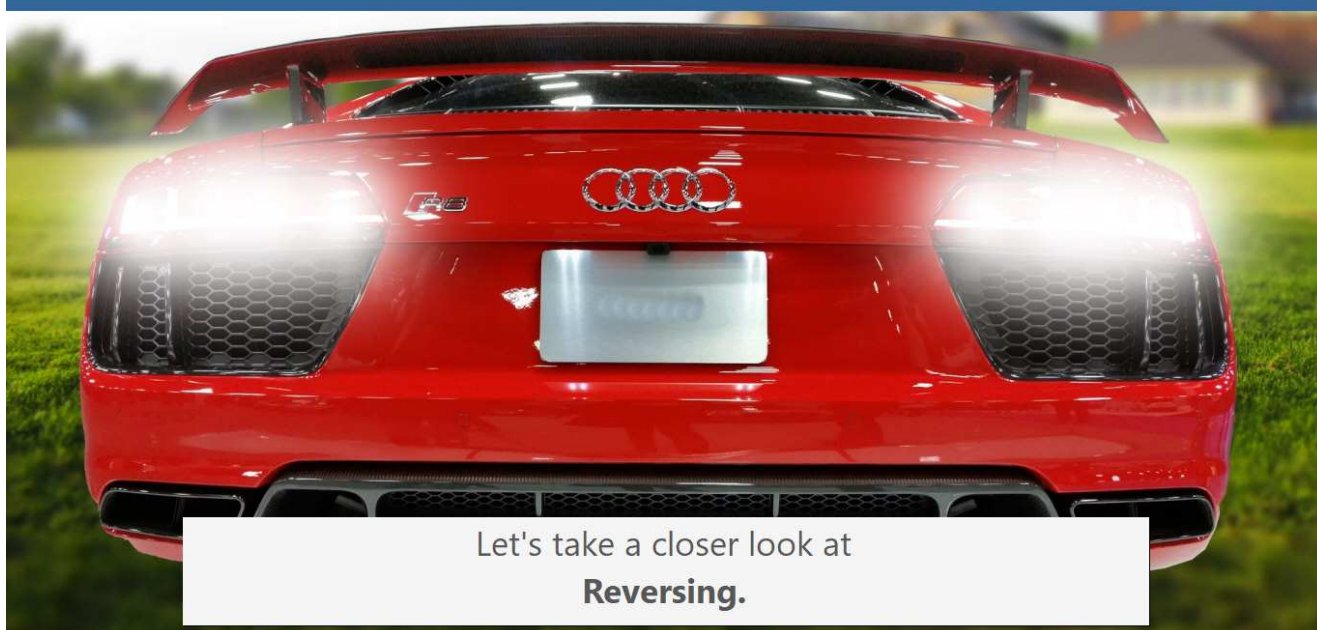
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Welcome to this **Perfect Driver** course. Throughout this course, we are going to look at the law, skills, techniques, and ideas to help you become a better, and safer driver.

In this lesson, we'll look at **Reversing**.

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Let's take a closer look at
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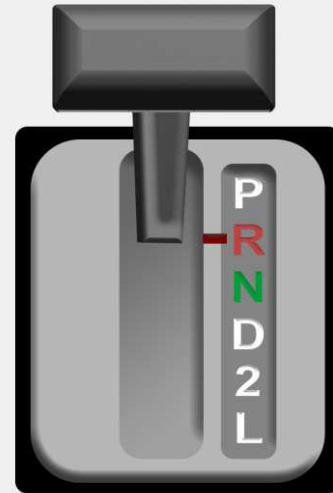
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Reversing your car - driving it backwards - is something you can't escape doing. But it can be dangerous if you don't pay attention. Many people, especially kids, are killed by reversing cars every day.

This is due to where cars tend to reverse, and that most drivers have almost no view of what is behind the car as they reverse, especially smaller objects like small children.



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Every car has reverse lights (which activate when you put the car into reverse), and some will even beep as reverse gear is engaged. In fact, you can purchase replacement globes for your car reverse lights that do exactly this. They are inexpensive, easy to fit, and highly recommended.

Both the lights and the beeping are designed to alert people behind you that you are reversing.

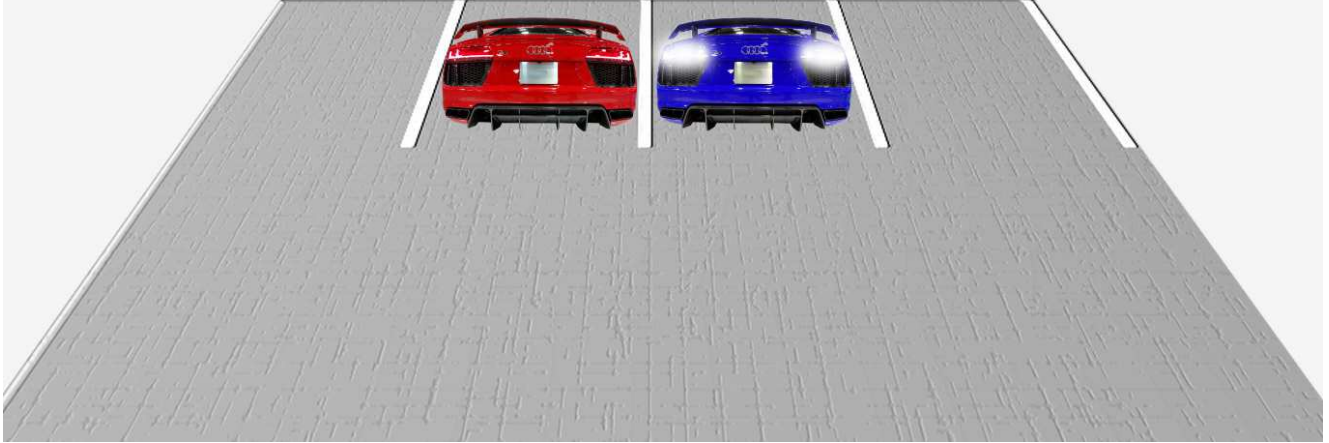


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The image below illustrates two cars in a carpark.

Click on the car that is about to reverse out of their parking spot.



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Newer cars often have a reverse camera installed. And any car can have a reverse camera fitted.

As you can see in the image below, a reverse camera projects an image of what is behind you so you can see it on the dash. This is much, much safer than reversing almost blindly.

Some cars go some of the way - they may denote objects behind you with a beep, or some other visual aid.



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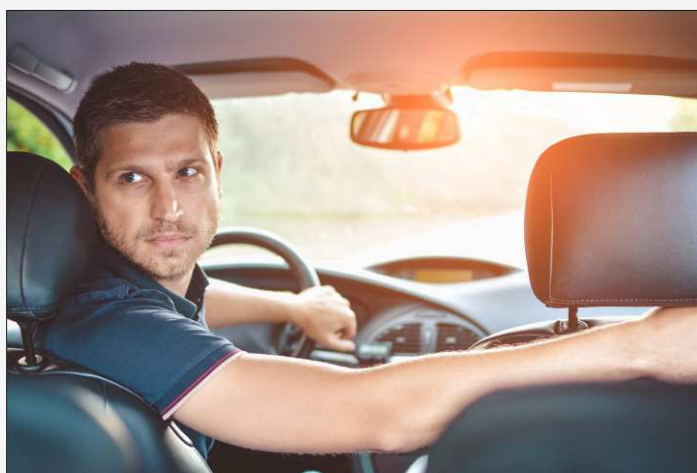
Side Mirrors. It is important for general driving, but in particular for reversing, that your side mirrors are adjusted properly.

In your side mirrors, you should be able to see a small amount of the side of your car, and plenty of the road, lane or driveway behind you.



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When reversing, position yourself as you can see in the image below. You need to have the best view you can. Look also in your side, or rear view mirror to get a more complete view of what is behind you.



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There are some techniques that will make reversing safer.

Ensure the coast is clear. If you are reversing from a driveway, this means walking around the car and ensuring there are no obstacles, and more importantly, no children around before you reverse.

One child or toddler is run over in their driveway every week in Australia.



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Reverse slowly. The slower you go, the safer you and everyone else will be. Although it is a horrible thought either way, it is much better to knock someone over at a low speed than to drive right over them at a higher speed. Sadly, this happens every day, especially to children in driveways.



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Only reverse as far as you need to. As soon as you have reversed to a point where you can now go forwards (leaving a driveway, for example), stop reversing and do the rest forwards.

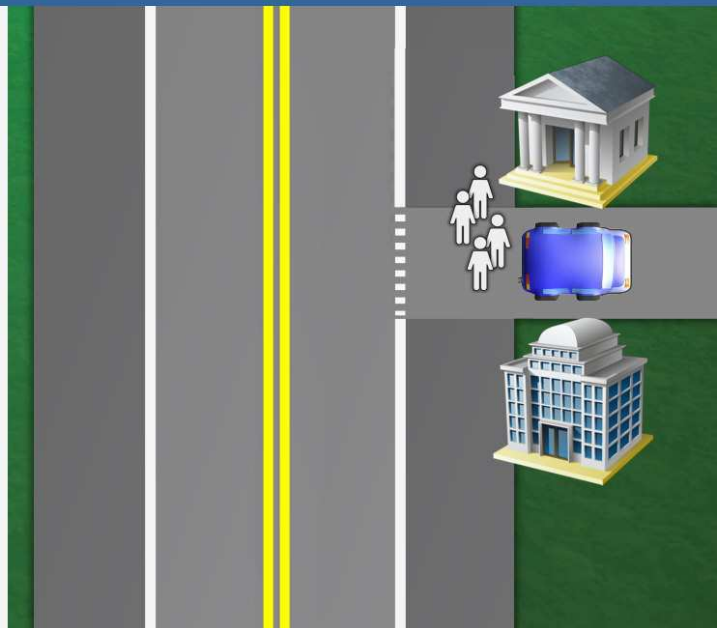
The less time you spend reversing, the safer you and everyone else will be.



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Give the horn a little beep if reversing to an area where pedestrians may be. There are times you'll have to reverse from an area where you have poor vision of where you are reversing to. This may be out of a driveway, or parking station.

In such a case, where pedestrians may not be able to see you reversing, give a small horn beep. It will get the attention of pedestrians and help avoid accidents.



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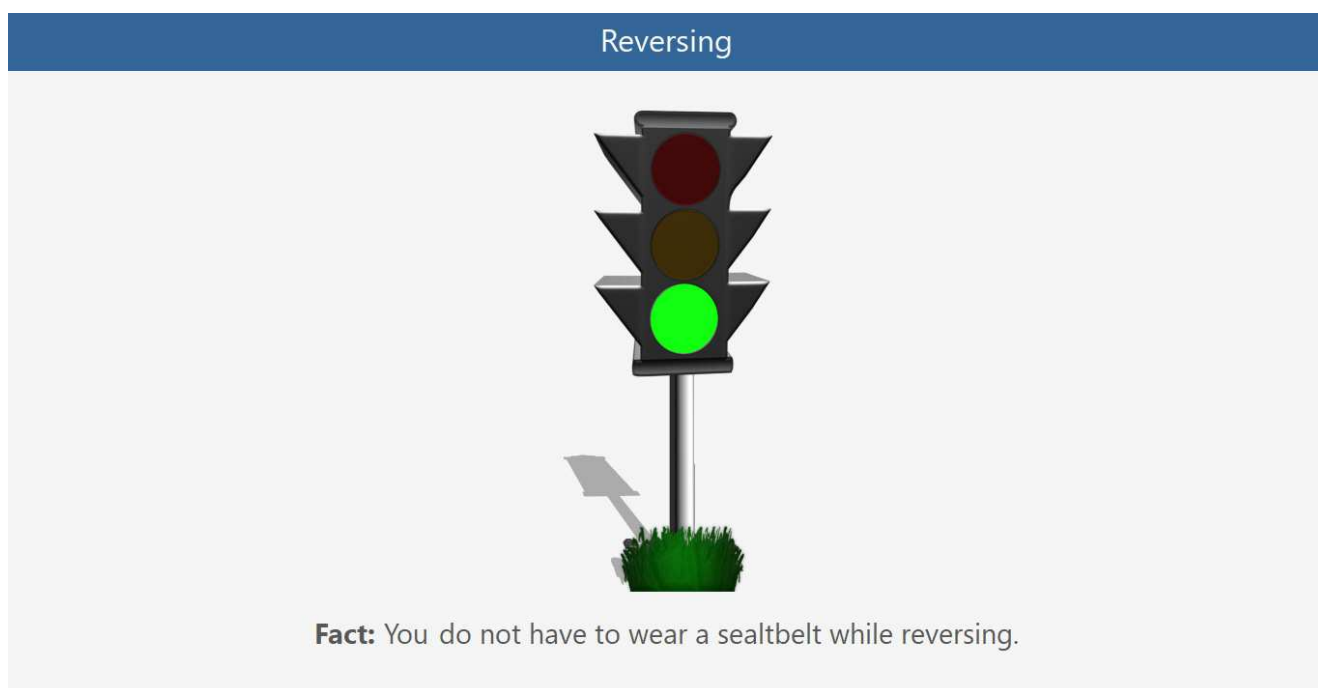
Driveways - the most dangerous place to reverse. Ensure there are no small children anywhere nearby. Reverse slowly, turn off the radio, and stay alert.

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Turn the radio off. When reversing, turn the radio off so that if someone shouts a warning - a child may have run behind the car that you cannot see - you want to be able to hear that warning and stop reversing immediately.



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SUMMARY

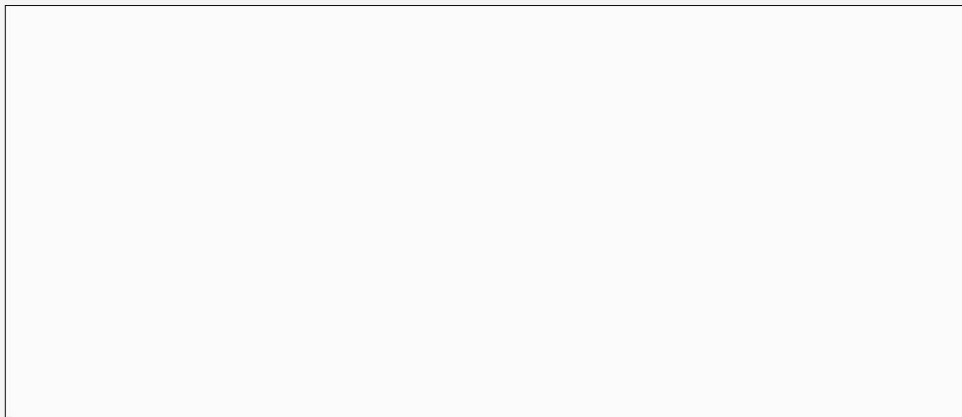
In this lesson, **Reversing**, we discussed:

- Reverse Lights and Beeps.
- Reverse Cameras, Side Mirrors, How to Reverse.
- Ensure the Coast is Clear and Reverse Slowly.
- Only reverse as far as you need to.
- Give the horn a little beep...
- Driveways - the most dangerous place to reverse.
- Turn the radio off.

FINISH LESSON

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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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