

What is Lane Changing Safety?

Worksheet

Lane changing safety is the process of mirror check → signal → blind-spot scan → gradual steering to move safely between lanes without startling other drivers.

Questions

1. You're changing lanes on a highway. Which step comes first?
 - A) Signal
 - B) Check mirrors
 - C) Steer left
 - D) Accelerate
2. What's a blind spot?
 - A) An area your mirrors don't fully show
 - B) The center lane
 - C) Your headlight range
 - D) Traffic ahead
3. After signalling, how long should you wait before steering?
 - A) Immediately
 - B) 1-2 seconds
 - C) 3-5 seconds
 - D) 10 seconds
4. Which mirror is most critical for lane changes?
 - A) Only the interior mirror
 - B) Side mirrors first, then interior
 - C) Only side mirrors
 - D) Headlights
5. You're driving 80 km/h in the right lane and want to pass a slow truck. What's your lane-change sequence?
6. A car suddenly cuts into your lane without signalling. What should you do?
7. At night on a highway, you check mirrors but don't see a vehicle. Can you change lanes immediately?
8. Define: What are the 4 steps of safe lane changing?
9. Define: Why is the blind-spot check important at night?
10. Define: How long should you signal before changing lanes?

Answer Key

1. B) Check mirrors — Always check mirrors first to see surrounding traffic.
2. A) An area your mirrors don't fully show — Blind spots are areas just outside and behind the mirrors — head-turn reveals them.
3. C) 3-5 seconds — Signal 3-5 seconds first, giving others time to react.
4. B) Side mirrors first, then interior — Check side mirror first for adjacent lane, then interior for traffic behind.
5. 1. Check side mirror — truck is there 2. Check interior mirror — traffic behind 3. Activate left indicator for 3-5 seconds 4. Turn head to check left blind spot (no car tucked out of view) 5. Steer smoothly left, matching truck's speed, then accelerate when clear
6. 1. Brake gently to increase distance 2. Do NOT swerve suddenly (risky) 3. If safe, move to adjacent lane (using full safety procedure) 4. Maintain calm and steady wheel control
7. 1. Mirrors checked 2. Signal activated 3. STILL turn head — headlights may hide a vehicle in your blind spot 4. Only then steer after blind-spot check
8. Mirror check → signal → blind-spot scan → smooth steering.
9. Mirrors and headlights can hide vehicles in your shoulder area.
10. 3-5 seconds, giving other drivers time to react.

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