

SKILLS TEST STUDY GUIDE

After passing the Knowledge Test, you'll be eligible to take the driving Skills Test. Watch videos about a few of the [test maneuvers here](#).

If you'd like to add a warm-up drive before your test, please call our office or register on our website at www.Driving-School.com. If registering online, please use the same username/password that you set up originally so that all of your services are listed under the same login.

What's on the driving Skills Test?

- **Starting your vehicle.**
- **Leaving the curb**, do you signal and wait until it's safe to re-enter traffic?
- **Controlling the vehicle**, do you:
 - Use the gas pedal, brake, steering wheel, and other controls correctly?
 - Change your speed to suit the number and speed of other vehicles, pedestrians, road conditions, weather conditions, construction, amount of light, and the distance you can see ahead?
- **Driving in traffic**, do you:
 - Use the proper lane?
 - Signal to change lanes?
 - Change lanes carefully?
 - Follow other vehicles at a safe distance?
 - Turn your head and look back before changing lanes?
 - Signal the proper distance before turning?
- **Obeying traffic signals and signs**, do you:
 - Turn into the proper lane without cutting the lane or going wide into the improper lane?
 - Scan carefully for signs, signals, pedestrians, and other vehicles?
 - Yield and take the right-of-way correctly?
- **Stopping**
 - Do you stop smoothly and at the right spot?
 - Can you stop quickly and safely in an emergency?
- **Backing up**
 - Do you look over your right shoulder?
 - Can you back in a straight line?
 - Do you have complete control of your car?
- **Judging distance**, do you stay a safe distance away from:
 - Other cars when following or passing, or
 - People walking or riding on the roadway?
- **Respecting the rights of others**
 - Are you courteous to other drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists?
 - Do you pay full attention to the driving task?
- **Performing specific maneuvers**, can you successfully complete all of the following?
 - Arms signals for right/left turns and slow or stop. (You may use arm signals during the test.)
 - A brake reaction test/emergency stop.
 - Parking on a hill.
 - Parallel parking.
 - Simulating backing out of driveway or alley into traffic using a corner.

**Scan for Parking
Maneuver Videos**



HELPFUL HINT! REMEMBER THE FOUR "B"S:

BREATHE: Everyone is anxious about the driving test. Take a breath whenever possible and relax.

BRAKES: Full stops are required! Even after we remind people about this - it's still VERY common!

BLINKER: Use your turn signal whenever moving to/from the side of the road & changing lanes.

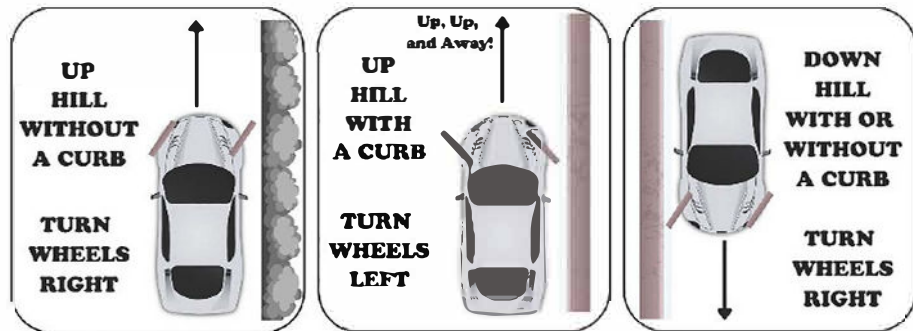
BLINDSPOT: Look over your shoulder whenever moving to/from the side of the road & changing lanes.

PARKING & STARTING ON A HILL

Instruction: “Park your vehicle near the _____ as if you were going to leave it unattended.”

Translation: We are parking on a hill. Is it -uphill/downhill?
Curb/no curb?
Turn your wheels!

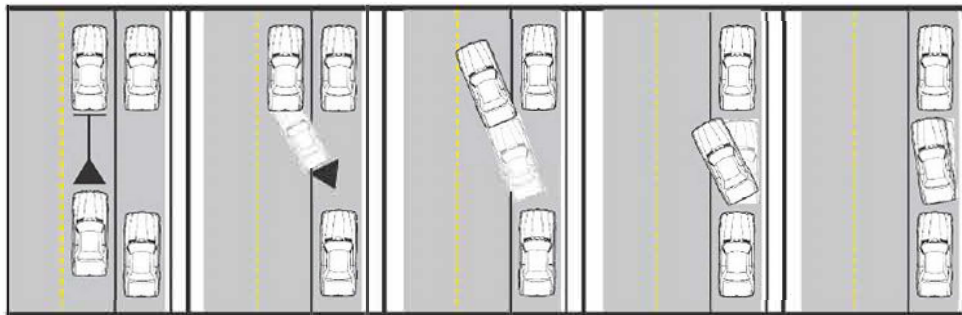
Pro Tip: Do a “Neutral Check”
to verify if you’re on a hill!



PARALLEL PARKING

Instruction: (One vehicle): Imagine another vehicle parked one and a half car lengths to the rear. Parallel park between the two.
(Two vehicles): “Parallel Park between the two vehicles.”
(Using poles): Parallel park between the four poles as if you were parking between two vehicles.”

Translation: Park into a spot about 25' long and 7' wide. Look out the back window when reversing. Limit use of backup camera/mirrors.

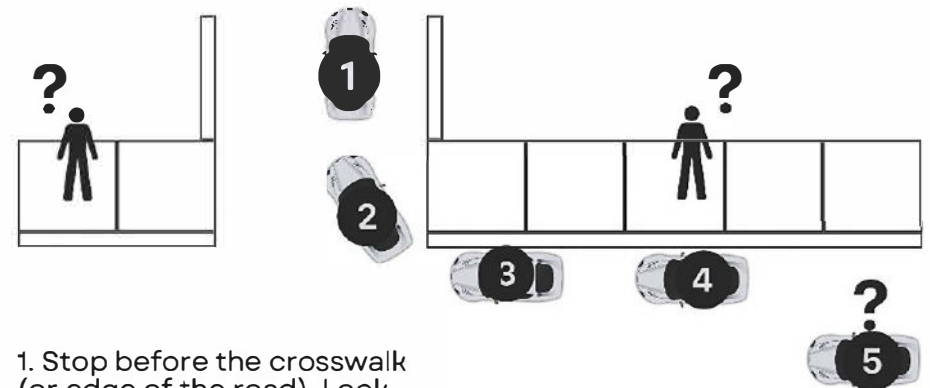


1. Stop even with the car ahead. Leave a few feet of room next to you.
2. Turn **towards** the curb and target the rear vehicle. Move slowly!
3. Straighten the wheel when at a 45* angle. Back straight.
4. Align your right rear wheel with the middle of the car in front of you. Turn **away** from the curb.
5. If and when necessary, you may pull forward to center between the two cars.

BACKING AROUND A CORNER

Instruction: “Imagine you are backing out of a driveway. Back around the corner to the right, staying as close to the edge of the curb (or road) as you can. Then safely continue backing in a straight line until I say stop.”

Translation: Show me how to stop and look for pedestrians, back accurately around an obstacle, and how to yield to traffic.



1. Stop before the crosswalk (or edge of the road). Look both ways for pedestrians. They go first!

2. While backing slowly, turn all the way to the right.

Work on the timing and location of this turn.

3. Once parallel, return the wheel to straight and **target behind you.**

4. Stay within 18 inches of the curb. Avoid extra weaving back and forth.

5. Look for vehicles approaching from the rear and **STOP** if they get within 100'.

STARTING MANEUVER

Instruction: “Drive to the side of the road and stop. Re-enter Traffic.”

Translation: Show me you know to signal and check your blind spot to and from the curb.

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