

DRIVER EDUCATION CORE PROGRAM

I. PRE-DRIVE

1. Circle of safety.
2. Glance inside car while unlocking the door.
3. Check traffic before opening the door.
4. Place key in the ignition.
5. Doors closed and locked both front and back.
6. Seat adjusted with a slight curve in leg.
7. Mirrors adjusted both inside and out.
8. Seat belts fastened both driver and passengers.

II. STARTING THE CAR

1. Release parking brake.
2. Put right foot on brake.
3. Place gear selector in neutral with clutch in if standard, park if an automatic.
4. Turn key to start the engine (don't over do it).
5. Check all gauges or lights located in the dash.

III. CHECK POINT STEPS

1. CHECK – the inside rearview mirror.
2. SIGNAL – 100 feet prior to any maneuver.
3. CHECK – your blind spot.
4. FADE – to position 3 if going right or to position 2 if going left.
5. CHECK – traffic left, center and then right at every intersection.
6. CONFIRM – traffic left and right or the appropriate direction (four looks if crossing four lanes).
7. CHECK – rear view mirror after maneuver has been completed.

IV. PROPER PLACE TO STOP ACCORDING TO IDAHO CODE

1. Stop at the pedestrian crossing whether marked or unmarked.
2. Stop at a white stop line painted on the asphalt.
3. Stop at a point to be able to see the adjacent roadway.

V. TURNS

1. All 90 degree turns must be negotiated between 10 and 15 mph or less.
2. If drivers are in 4th or 5th gear they shall shift down to 3rd gear prior to a turn then to 2nd gear after the turn, but never in the turn.
3. Fade to position 3 if going right and to position 2 if turning left.
4. When making a turn you shall always leave your lane and enter your lane. Never swing wide into another lane or cut across the corner of a lane. Take the first lane going your intended direction.

VI. BACKING UP IN A STRAIGHT LINE

1. Right foot on the brake, never the left foot.
2. Clutch in if a standard transmission.
3. Place gear selector in reverse.
4. Look over both shoulders to check for traffic and pedestrians.
5. Look over right shoulder with left hand on top of the steering wheel.
6. Release clutch to friction point and hold steady.
7. Release foot brake as much as necessary to back at desired speed.
8. Always look back while backing. Glance forward to check front swing if necessary.
9. Work brake to prevent backing too fast. Hold friction point steady if in a standard.

VII. LEAVING THE CAR

1. Stop the car with your right foot on the brake. Never use you left foot.
2. Place the gear selector in gear if standard and park if automatic.
3. Set parking brake.
4. Turn off the engine.
5. Place gear selector in first, if downhill, or on level ground, or reverse if uphill in a standard transmission. Place in park if in an automatic transmission.
6. Remove the key and lock the steering wheel by turning it.
7. Remove your seat belt.
8. Unlock your door using your inside hand.

VIII. DRIVING THE CAR

1. All traffic signs must be read and obeyed as the driver moves down the road.
2. Identify your target point.
3. Check your rearview mirror any time you move your foot to the brake.
4. Cover your brake at the same time you cover your clutch, when making a stop.
5. All of the above must be done without prompting from the instructor.
6. Any use of the brake by the instructor to prevent an accident or major traffic violation could cause the student to fail the drive.
7. Any driving grade lower than 80% will cause the student to redo the drive.