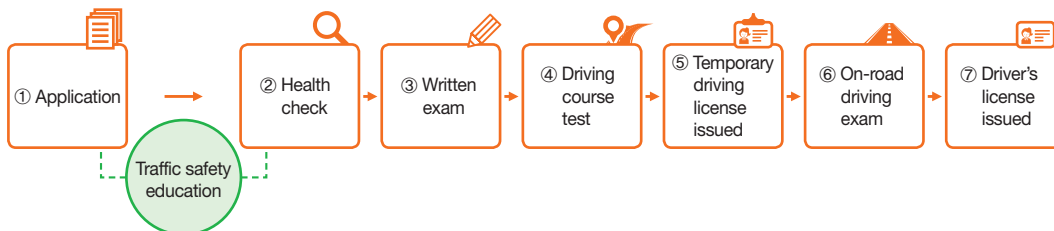




1. Beginning of Safe Driving

How to get your driver's license

• Driver's license examination



• Exchange of foreign driver's license



※ Please contact the nearest test center to check whether you are exempt from the written examination as it depends on the country of issuance and your status of residence in Korea.

(Road Traffic Authority Customer Support Center ☎1577-1120)

How to Eco-Drive

① Check the traffic information before you leave

Check the traffic information in advance to save time and fuel.

② No more idling!

Getting your engine ready only requires less than a minute in summer and three minutes in winter.

③ No quick start, acceleration or brake

It is recommended to start the car gently and slowly, reaching 20 km/h in 5 seconds after departure.

④ Keep your trunk light

Fuel economy and power improve when you only keep things that are necessary in your trunk.

⑤ Maintain the economical speed

Save fuel and reduce air pollution by keeping the economical speed, which are 50 to 80 km/h (downtown 30km/h) on general roads and 90 to 100 km/h on highways.

⑥ No stepping on the gas pedal when driving downhill

You can save up to 20% of fuel by not stepping on the gas pedal when driving downhill.

⑦ Get your car checked once a month

Pay attention to your car condition and get it checked frequently. Check the tire air pressure every month.

⑧ Use approved fuel only

Adulterated fuel and illegal fuel damage your car and have a bad effect on the environment.

2. Traffic Lights and Signs



Roads are shared by drivers and pedestrians. You can easily notice traffic lights and safety signs on the road. These are promises that must be observed.

Traffic lights

- Traffic lights have red, yellow, and green lights, which mean the following:



Red

Always stop at the stop line or the crosswalk.



Yellow

Slow down and stop at the stop line.
Go quickly if already passed the intersection.



Green

Check for safety before you go, but if there are too many cars at the intersection, wait at the stop line.

- On a yellow light, you should slow down to stop at the stop line or the crosswalk. Driving through a yellow light is a traffic light violation.

What is a flashing signal?

- On roads with less traffic, flashing signals are sometimes installed to reduce the time waiting for the signal.
- When the yellow light is flashing, slowly drive through after checking if cars are coming from the opposite direction.
- When the red light is flashing, temporarily stop at the stop line or the crosswalk, check if cars are coming from the opposite direction, and continue driving.

Safety signs

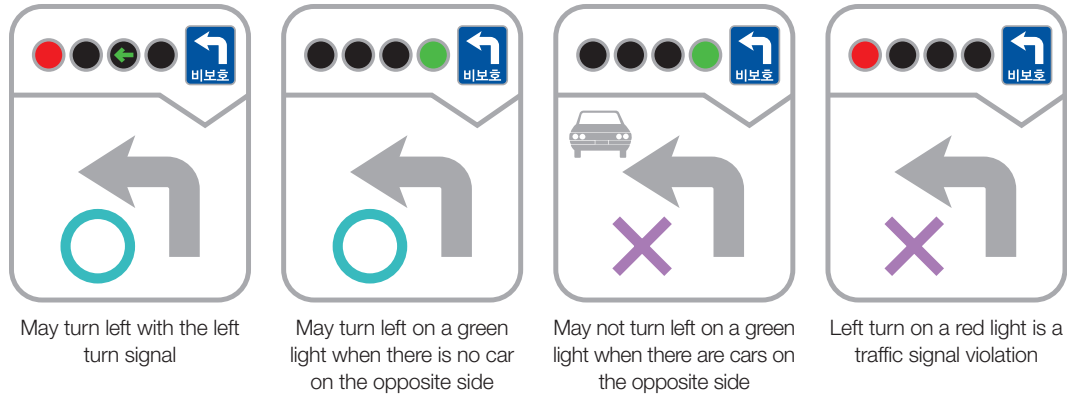
- When driving, you must pay attention to the traffic signals as well as safety signs.

Warning	Regulation	Instruction	Assistance	Road marks
Signs to show warning ahead	Signs to communicate prohibition	Signs to instruct how to use the road safely	Signs assisting another sign	Marks drawn on the road

Meaning of traffic signs

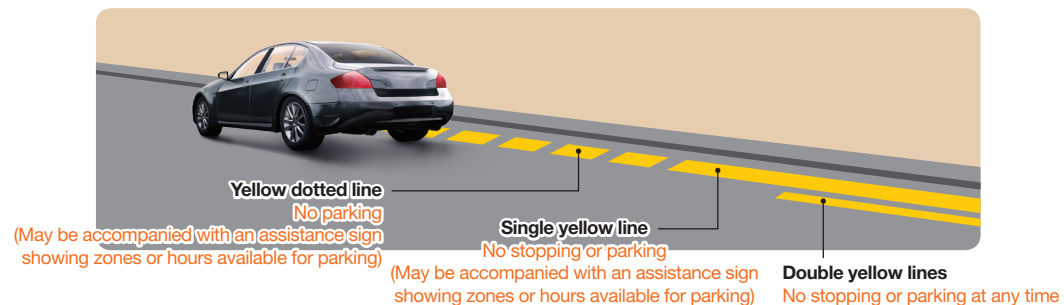
Warning					
	Priority	Merge left	Merge right	Narrow road ahead	Right lane is merged
					
Slippery road	Riverside drive	Rough road condition	Speed bump ahead	Safety for children	Frequent heavy traffic
Regulation					
	No passage	No vehicles allowed	No entrance	No passing	No stop or parking
				Instruction	
No parking	Maximum speed limit	Minimum speed limit	No pedestrian walking		Vehicles only
					
Bicycles only	Roundabout straight	Detour	Pedestrian only	Pedestrian crossing	One way
			Assistance		
Unprotected left turn	Bus only lane	HOV lane		Cancellation	Towing zone
Road marks					
	Bus only lane	Lane change restricting lane	No left turn	Drive slowly	Drive slowly
					
Yield	No stopping	Driving direction	Pedestrian crossing ahead	Hump type crosswalk	Bicycle-priority road

Protected/Permitted Left-Turn (PPLT)

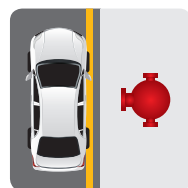


- You can make a left turn on the left turn signal.
- You can make an unprotected left turn on a green light when there is no car on the opposite side.
- Making a left turn on a red or yellow light is a traffic signal violation.

There are rules to follow when stopping or parking.



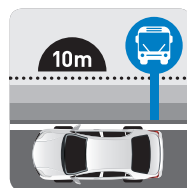
- Illegal stopping or parking hinders the traffic flow and transit of vehicles.
- It becomes a hindrance to the driver's view and threatens the safety of pedestrians, increasing the risk of a traffic accident.
- In an emergency situation, it may block an emergency motor vehicle from entering and lead to a greater damage.
- You cannot stop or park at the following areas:



Within 5m from a hydrant



Within 5m from a corner of an intersection



Within 10m from a bus stop



On a crosswalk

3. Rules for Cars, Etc.



How to pass through an intersection without a traffic light

You simply need to follow the signal when there is a traffic light, but at an intersection without a traffic light, you need to give way to the car that has priority.

- The car that entered the intersection first is given priority.
- The car coming from a wider road is given priority.
- When entered the intersection at the same time, the car coming from the right is given priority.
- The car that is going straight or making a right turn is given priority over a car that is making a left turn.

Keep in mind when making a right turn!

- To make a right turn, reduce speed and stay as far to the right, and turn right after checking for pedestrians.
- Stop at the stop line or crosswalk when the traffic light for cars is red.
- Even on a green light, check for pedestrians on the crosswalk first and then make a right turn.

How to pass through a roundabout



- ① **Counterclockwise** : Drive counterclockwise in a roundabout.
- ② **Yield** : A car that is waiting to enter should yield to a car already driving in the roundabout.
- ③ **Drive slowly** : A car that is entering a roundabout should drive slowly.
- ④ **Turn signal** : When leaving the roundabout, flash the right turn signal to have the car behind know.

Obligation, not an option! How to move over for emergency vehicles

All drivers must give way to emergency vehicles on the road. When driving through or near an intersection, get away from the intersection and make a temporary stop to allow the emergency vehicle to pass first. When not in an intersection, move over either to the right or left to let the emergency vehicle pass by.



Fire truck



Ambulance



Blood transport vehicle



Police car, Etc.

4. Safety for Two-wheeled Vehicles



Things to bring when riding a motorcycle, bicycle, or PM



Helmet



Various safety harness

A driver of any two-wheeled vehicle and any motorcycle shall only drive it after wearing a safety harness.

- Road Traffic Act Article 50 (3), (4)

Safe driving of personal mobility (PM)



A personal mobility falls under the “two-wheeled vehicle” category, and thus, the driver must follow the Road Traffic Act. Only one person is allowed per vehicle, and the driver must follow the speed limit and other traffic laws. To drive a personal mobility vehicle, you must acquire a driver’s license. A person without a driver’s license is not allowed to drive a personal mobility vehicle on the road.

Safely drive a motorcycle



1. Wear clothes, helmet, and safety gears that will protect you in case of an accident.
2. Do not dangerously pass and get in between cars.
3. Obey the stop lines and do not cross crosswalks or drive on a sidewalk.
4. Stay in the center of a lane to have other drivers easily notice you.
5. Keep at least 3, 4-second distance from the car in front of you and secure enough space.

Motorcycle accident cases

XX XX, 20XX. An unlicensed driver who was driving a motorcycle with a passenger on the road violated the traffic light and hit another motorcycle while making a left turn. The passenger who was riding on the back was transported to the hospital but ended up passing away. The victim driver was left with injuries that would take six weeks to heal.

Unlicensed driving will be penalized!

Anyone who has driven a motor vehicle without obtaining a driver’s license shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine not exceeding three million won. Anyone who has driven a motorcycle without obtaining a motorcycle driver’s license shall be punished by a fine not exceeding 300,000 or by penal detention.

- Road Traffic Act Article 152 (1), Article 154 (2)

5. Rules for Pedestrians



Rules

- Pedestrians should always walk by sidewalk on roads with separate sidewalks and roadways. However, pedestrians may cross a roadway when the sidewalk is blocked due to road works, or in unavoidable cases.
- When walking on a road without a sidewalk, pedestrians should face the traffic and walk on the side of the road. When the road is a one-way street, pedestrians may face either way.
- Pedestrians should stay on the right on a sidewalk.
- Pedestrians should use the crossing facilities such as crosswalks, underpass, and overpass when available.



Safety rules for pedestrians! Stop, look, walk



STEP1

Stop

When the pedestrian light is red, stand in a safe area and wait. When the light is green, stop first to look around.



STEP2

Look

Look at the cars stop. While crossing, look at the direction the cars are coming and also look right and left.



STEP3

Walk

It is safe to walk as running distracts your attention and makes it difficult to become aware of dangerous situations.

6. Safety Rules for Transportation Vulnerable



Play in a safe place

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It is dangerous for children to play around a car because it is difficult for the driver to notice them. Children should avoid places with many cars such as alleys and parking lots. Teach them to play in safe places such as playgrounds and schoolyard.

Wear safety gears when riding a dangerous vehicle

Guardians should advise children to wear safety gear including a helmet when riding a vehicle such as a bicycle and scooter.



Traffic safety rules for elderly

No jaywalking when there is a crossing facility

When there is a pedestrian overpass or underpass, drivers tend to assume that pedestrians will use such facility, which makes it difficult for them to notice and avoid jaywalkers. When it is difficult to use stairs, look for a nearby crosswalk.

Wear bright-colored clothing

It is easier for drivers to notice pedestrians wearing bright-colored clothes at night. Elderlies who frequently walk on empty streets at night should wear a vest with reflective strips or attach a reflective strip on a hat.



Traffic safety rules for disabled

Walk in a safe place

Persons with physical disability who are unable to use crossing facilities such as pedestrian overpass or underpass may cross the road while making sure not to interrupt the traffic.

Measures to secure safe walking of visually-impaired persons

The guardian of a visually-impaired person should take necessary measures to secure safety such as advising to carry a white cane or accompany a guide dog.

