



## What is a roundabout?

Roundabouts are unsignalized circular intersections designed to maximize safety and minimize delay.

Traffic circulates counter-clockwise around the central island. Entering vehicles must yield to all traffic already in the roundabout.

## Roundabout benefits

- ▶ Reduces injury accidents by 75 per cent and fatal accidents by 90 per cent.
- ▶ Increases traffic flow up to 50 per cent.
- ▶ Overall reduction of accidents by 30 to 40 per cent since their inception in North America.
- ▶ Benefits the environment by reducing emissions, while decreasing fuel consumption by as much as 30 per cent.

## Yield

The “Golden Rule” of driving roundabouts.

When you enter the roundabout you must yield to circulating traffic.

Yield means the other drivers in the circle have the right-of-way. An approaching motorist has to wait for a safe gap in the flow of traffic before entering.



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Driving in circles can be a good thing,  
if it means you get where you want to go  
**quicker and safer.**

# MODERN ROUNDABOUTS



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# DRIVING A ROUNDABOUT

## Always obey the signs and markings



Guide signs near each entry show the correct exit to take.



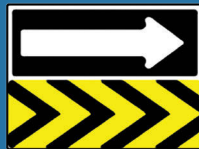
Stay to the right of the splitter when approaching the roundabout.



Roundabout ahead, time to slow down.



Yield to traffic on your left before entering the roundabout.



Remember, all traffic within the roundabout travels one-way.

## How to get around

- ▶ Slow down when approaching the roundabout.
- ▶ Keep to the right of the splitter island.
- ▶ Be aware of your surroundings. Watch for pedestrians and cyclists.
- ▶ Enter the roundabout only when there is an adequate gap in the circulating traffic flow.
- ▶ Vehicles in a roundabout always move in a counter clockwise direction.
- ▶ Do not pass other vehicles or cyclists in the roundabout.
- ▶ Always signal before exiting. Maintain low speeds.
- ▶ Beware of pedestrians and cyclists crossing the road as you exit the roundabout



## Large Vehicles

- ▶ Give other vehicles plenty of space.
- ▶ The “truck apron” around the centre island is for large trucks when turning.



## Pedestrians

- ▶ Cross only at designated crosswalks.
- ▶ Vehicles always have the right-of-way in the roundabout. Choose a safe time to cross.
- ▶ Never cross to the centre island of a roundabout.



## Emergency Vehicles

- ▶ If you have not entered the roundabout, pull over to allow the emergency vehicle to pass.
- ▶ If you are already inside the roundabout, do not stop. Continue to your exit, then pull over to allow the emergency vehicle to pass.



## Bicycles

- ▶ Experienced cyclists travel through the roundabout using the same general rules as any other vehicle.
- ▶ Merge into traffic before entering the roundabout.
- ▶ Once inside the roundabout, ride in the middle of the lane so cars don't pass you.
- ▶ **If you prefer to walk your bicycle on the sidewalk**, dismount at the ramp. Continue on the sidewalks, following the same rules as pedestrians.