

Driving a Bus (Part 2 of 4) - Left Turns



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Editor's Note: In part one of "Driving a Bus – Right Turns", David gave us some great tips on how to best make those right-hand turns in our buses. Now, let's go left!

You'll want to look for signs and traffic signals that give you a hint. On occasion, they are cleverly concealed AND sometimes have designated time periods when turns are allowed. Who knew

Left turns make me nervous. You may think it's because I'm a fairly conservative guy, but the real reasons are far more rooted in physics.

My recent tome on right-hand turns in last month's issue to generate any personal threats, so it seemed safe to move on to the dreaded left turn.

Assuming you didn't memorize the "Driving a Bus (Part 1) – Right Hand Turns" article, it bears repeating that several sophisticated European cities severely limit, or outright ban, left turns. They feel that they're either unsafe or disrupt traffic flow.

We red-blooded Americans can't be bothered with such things.

Negotiating a left turn safely requires some effort, but your insurer would tell you it is worth it.

First, make sure that the crossroad you're approaching allows them. There are intersections where they're not permitted, either for traffic reasons or because a city wishes to appear more "European".

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