

TIP SHEET

Safe Left Turns

- One of the most common mistakes when making a left turn is misjudging the gap in traffic. Vehicles coming toward you pose the most difficult situation for gauging speed and distance. If there is any doubt, do not rush the turn. Wait for traffic to clear before turning left.
- A good rule of thumb to follow is: If you can't see – don't go.
- When making an unprotected left turn (green light, no arrow) keep the following points in mind:
 - Proceed to one car length back from the centre point of the intersection with wheels and vehicle straight
 - Yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians
 - Ensure ALL lanes of oncoming traffic are clear before turning
 - Turn in, and follow, your designated lane through the intersection
- Consider road conditions when making a left turn and adjust your speed and distance accordingly.
- Remember that YOU are in the driver's seat. Don't succumb to 'peer pressure' from other drivers. Only turn when safe to do so.

