



# How to drive a roundabout

Driving a roundabout is not difficult if drivers keep in mind a few fundamentals. Follow these directions, both in writing and on the map, and it should be easier.

- First, and most important, look left. Yield to any vehicle approaching from the left and always travel slowly in a counterclockwise direction. Watch for pedestrians who may be approaching on the right.

- Drivers in the circle have the right of way, and should not stop or slow to allow a waiting vehicle to enter the circle. The right turn-signal should be used when ap-

proaching the desired exit.

- When entering a roundabout, consider only the traffic to the left. Drivers should not take turns as they would in a four-way stop.

- In Sequim's roundabouts, the interior brick lane is intended to accommodate the turning radius of large vehicles like RVs and semi-trucks only. Smaller vehicles, including passenger cars and motorcycles, should use only the exterior lane. Unless operating a large vehicle, drivers shouldn't cross the reflective yellow lane dividers except to avoid a collision.

- The only exception to these rules is when yielding for emergency vehicles. When an emergency vehicle approaches the roundabout, all other lanes of traffic should stop and not enter the roundabout until the emergency vehicle has passed completely through. Drivers approaching the roundabout in front of an emergency vehicle should pull over before entering the roundabout if safe, or continue through the roundabout to their desired exit before pulling over. Never stop or pull over within the roundabout except to avoid a collision.