

Pass Your Driving Test - Mistakes to Avoid



The problems that get solved on the [Pass your Driving Test](#) guide

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Common Mistakes – General

Some mistakes repeat more than others on the driving test. Here are some common ones:

1) Complete stops. Some examinees don't make complete stops where necessary, and just "slide" through the intersection. They just slow down, look for other cars, and keep going. This is not only a major mistake that means an automatic fail, it is also highly illegal.

2) Lane changes. Some students don't know how to change lanes. They signal, look over the shoulder and in the mirror, and stay in their lane because they are too afraid. This will get them a new test in no-time. They better [practice well](#) before the next one...

3) Over caution is a real test killer. It happens when drivers are too cautious, give the right of way to other drivers when they need to take it, and generally annoy others. This is a very dangerous habit and it fails many students.

Common Mistakes – Intersections

Intersections are a huge part of driving, and so a big part of the driving test. Some driving students don't know to handle them well, come this way to the test, and get surprised by the results.

- 1) Limit lines are an integral part of any intersection. However, drivers often skip them, stopping inside the intersection. When they are gone it's a real disaster, causing new drivers a great confusion and they seem to really need something to [guide them](#).
- 2) Pedestrians also kill tests. Students just don't seem to give them much attention, avoid them, and fail their test miserably.
- 3) Over caution, as mentioned before, is another bad habit of many students. In intersections, it might cause them to give their turn to someone else or wait for drivers that are miles away. This, of course, calls for a re-test.
- 4) Traffic lights, the simplest of all intersections, also cause trouble. Students often stop on green or go on red, which are terrible and dangerous mistakes to make. Without [proper guidance](#) on intersections, some student's just don't make it.

Common Mistakes – Freeways

Freeways are the best roads out there. As a good driver, you should be able to go on and off them with no problem.

1) A common mistake on freeways is done when merging. Many driving students don't know how to merge safely into high speed traffic and make terrible mistakes. Those students really [need a guide](#) to show them the way.

2) When driving on the freeway, some people have trouble with the speed. They don't go too fast, but do just the opposite – drive too slowly. Freeway traffic is fast, and going slowly will fail any student in no-time.

3) Lane changes are a major failing reason on driving tests. Some student drivers are too afraid to change lanes when traffic around them is moving fast, and they fail as a result.

4) Exiting the freeway also creates problems for drivers on their driving test. This maneuver should be easy, but some driving students find it very hard and fail miserably at it because no one showed them [how to do it](#).

Common Mistakes – Speed

Speed is the whole purpose of the car, and as a driver you should be able to use it properly but also control it.

1) One big mistake students make is driving too slow on the test. This only makes the examiner upset, the test lengthy, and the student sad since no one [told him](#) that slow driving is as dangerous as fast driving, and he failed the test.

2) Another biggie is too-fast driving. Showing off your speed control skills for the examiner may look like a proof of confidence, but going over the speed limit will only make you fail faster. Drive at the speed limit.

3) When approaching an intersection, it's [important to know](#) what speed to use. Otherwise, you may make a bad turn or annoy drivers behind you for slow driving.

4) Changing lanes, as you already know, is a major problem for students. Speed on lane changes is a major factor of a successful lane change, and sadly some students just don't know how to do it.

Common Mistakes – Turns

Since you must turn when you drive, you also have to turn on your driving test. See the mistakes some students make when they turn:

- 1) They make the turn too tight. On a right turn, this makes them hit the curb and automatically fail. On a left turn, this makes them enter opposing traffic, and, you guessed right, automatically fail.
- 2) Wide turns – on a right turn it is entering a wrong lane, which can be fatal or a minor error. On a left turn, it can mean a meeting with the curb.
- 3) When there are two turning lanes, it's important to stay on them. Some students ignore that rule and wander around the lanes, pose a threat to other drivers, and fail the test. This often happens because they didn't know [what to do](#).
- 4) When turning, some students don't give the right-of-way to pedestrians and sometimes don't even notice them. There is no need to expand on that.
- 5) Some students don't signal or signal the wrong direction. There is nothing worse than to fail for improper signaling.

Common Mistakes – During the Test

When coming to the test, some drivers are nervous. However, there are some mistakes that can cause you the test.

1) Not enough sleep. Driving when tired is dangerous, and being tested while tired will almost guarantee you a second test.

2) Coming hungry and thirsty. You need to be focused, and hunger and thirst don't really help you to be focused.

3) Test anxiety – this is normal, but over-reaction to the test and the examiner can be dangerous. Relax and you'll do fine.

4) Looking at the score sheet – some students focus more on the score sheet and less on the road. The examiner also marks some good things about you – be relaxed.

The Solution

The solution to all these problems is practice. Not just any ordinary practice, but good practice.

One good practice is the “[Pass your Driving Test](#)” book. It has all the information you need about the driving test, about how to drive properly, and how to avoid all those costly mistakes mentioned in this eBook.

You can get your very own copy [right here](#).