

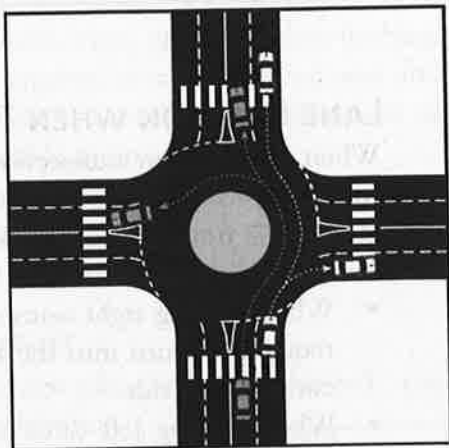
leaving. Be alert for drivers next to you who may cross into other lanes as they turn. (See Figure 3-3.)

## ROUNDAABOUTS

A modern roundabout is a circular intersection where entering traffic yields to vehicles traveling counterclockwise around a central island. Vehicles entering from each leg of the intersection must yield to the traffic already in the roundabout, which is coming from the left. Vehicles exit the roundabout by making a right turn onto the desired road.

### Approaching the roundabout:

- Slow down as you approach the roundabout.
- Look for roadside signs and pavement markings to direct you into the correct lane before entering the roundabout.
- As you approach the yield line, look to your left before proceeding into the roundabout.
- When an appropriate gap in traffic appears, enter the roundabout and merge with the flow of the other vehicles. Never make a left turn to enter a roundabout – this will place you in front of oncoming traffic.



### Traveling in a roundabout:

- Always stay to the right of the center island.
- Vehicles within the roundabout have the right of way.
- Do not stop within a roundabout unless it is the only way to safely avoid a collision or other danger.

- If an emergency vehicle is heard or seen approaching, do not stop. Exit the roundabout, pull over to the right and stop, allowing the emergency vehicle to pass.
- Avoid changing lanes in a multiple-lane roundabout. Move into the lane you need before entering the roundabout.
- Give special consideration to trucks, trailers and other large vehicles. Avoid passing or driving next to large vehicles, as they may need more than one lane to navigate through the roundabout.
- Refrain from passing other vehicles, bicycles and mopeds.
- When entering or exiting a roundabout, watch for pedestrians crossing the street.

### Exiting the roundabout:

- Maintain a slow speed.
- Indicate your exit by using your turn signal.
- Do not accelerate until you are beyond the pedestrian crossing at the exit.

## PASSING

When passing other vehicles, always check your rearview and side-view mirrors for any overtaking traffic. Use your turn signal to indicate your intentions. Check blind spots by turning your head to see if you can safely move from your lane without interfering with traffic. It is illegal to exceed the speed limit or use the shoulder of the road to pass. When about to pass a vehicle on a divided highway, move into the passing lane well before passing. When passing a pedestrian or a slow-moving vehicle, such as a bicycle, farm equipment or a horse and buggy, allow adequate room so that the person or vehicle is not endangered.

**Passing on the left:** On a two- or three-lane road with traffic moving in both directions, you may pass on the left when overtaking another vehicle if there are no signs or other markings prohibiting passing and it can be done safely.

### Passing another vehicle on the left is prohibited when:

- You must cross a solid yellow line.