

## What is an intersection?

An intersection is where two or more roads meet, including public entrances and exits that join to a road i.e. a supermarket car park, petrol station

### Intersection controls - At an intersection controlled by a Stop sign:

- come to a complete stop (do not just slow down)
- stop where you can see vehicles coming from all directions
- stay stopped until you have given way to all other vehicles (this includes cycles and motorcycles, etc)
- if you and another vehicle are both facing Stop signs, use the give way rules
- you must not go until it is safe.

The word STOP and a single yellow line will be painted on the road.

### Intersection controls - at an intersection controlled by a Give Way sign:

- slow down and be ready to stop
- give way to all other vehicles, except those facing a Stop sign
- if you and another vehicle are both facing a Give Way sign, use the give way rules
- you must not go until it is safe.

A white triangle give way marking and a white line will be painted on a sealed road.

### Intersection controls - roundabouts



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#### **TURNING LEFT**

Indicate **LEFT**  
before you enter.

#### **GOING STRAIGHT ON**

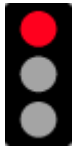
Indicate **LEFT**  
before you leave.

#### **TURNING RIGHT**

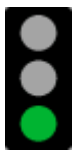
Indicate **RIGHT**  
before you enter  
– then **LEFT**  
before you leave.

## Intersection Controls – Traffic Lights

The following rules apply at an intersection controlled by traffic signals (also known as traffic lights):



A red signal means stop.



A green signal means you can go, provided it is safe and if you are turning right, you give way to vehicles coming towards you that are going straight through, or to vehicles turning left.

You give way to pedestrians crossing. This includes riders of mobility devices and wheeled recreational devices.



A yellow signal means stop, **unless** you are so close to the intersection that you can't stop safely. A yellow signal indicates that the lights will soon turn red.



A flashing yellow signal means the traffic signals are not working. In this case, you must apply the give way rules for uncontrolled intersections.

Important note: Always indicate your intentions to other road users at intersections and roundabouts.

For more information on the give way rules, visit the New Zealand Transport Agency website <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/roadcode/about-driving/the-give-way-rules.html>