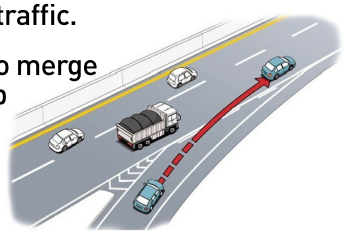
AUSTIN DRIVING SCHOOL

FREEWAY DRIVING

How to enter the freeway

Acceleration Lane – It is important to get speed up to what the flow of traffic is in order to move in and blend with the flow of traffic.

While accelerating, prepare to merge into traffic by looking for a gap to merge into



Where to ride on the freeway

If there are 3 lanes or more, move into the middle lane to avoid merging or exiting traffic

Traveling in the middle lane will provide you with 2 possible outs and a better view of the traffic ahead

Driving in the left lane should only be done when passing (It is illegal to ride in left lane for any reason other than passing)

Left lane is for faster traffic and the right lane is for slower traffic (If driving slow, stay in the right lane.)

What to do while on the freeway

Keep excellent following distance (3-second rule applies)

Check mirrors constantly (every 5-8 seconds) to know what is around you at all times

Aim high in steering to see any potential problems ahead (multiple brake lights, pump brakes to warn others) and to avoid rear end collisions

What to avoid while on the freeway

Try and not ride in a pack of cars but do try and always move along with the flow of traffic (without speeding)

Never drive in someone's blind spot or make a lane change into a vehicle's blind spot

Never make a lane change into the right lane when an on ramp is merging into that lane

Never swerve or jerk the wheel

How to get off of the freeway

Always know the name of your exit (usually you will get at least ½ mile to 3½ mile notice)

Get into the right lane for exiting at least ½ a mile before your exit, and signal 500 feet before exiting

Be sure not to slow down while on the freeway. You have a deceleration lane (similar to the acceleration lane) where you should slow down

MERGE LANE

ENTRANCE RAMP