

## Roundabouts

### **Priority:**

Normally give way to traffic approaching from your immediate right. However, you should keep moving if the way is clear. In a few cases traffic on the roundabout has to give way to traffic entering. Look out for give way signs and road markings on the roundabout. Some roundabouts have lights that determine priority.

### **Approaching the roundabout:**

Always use the MSPSL routine on approach. Always look well ahead for advance warning signs. Signs will enable you to select the most suitable lane in which to approach the roundabout.

Adopt the following procedures unless the road signs or markings indicate otherwise:

### Going left:

- Indicate left as you approach
- Approach in the left-hand lane
- Keep to that lane in the roundabout
- Maintain a left turn signal throughout the roundabout

### Going Ahead:

- No signal is necessary on approach
- Approach in the left-hand lane
- Keep to the selected lane on the roundabout
- Check your mirrors especially the nearside exterior mirror
- Indicate left after you've passed the exit just before the one you want to take.

### Going right or full circle:

- Indicate right as you approach
- Approach in the right-hand lane
- Keep to that lane and maintain the signal on the roundabout
- Check your mirrors, especially the nearside exterior mirror
- Indicate left after you've passed the exit just before the one you want to take.

When there are more than three lanes at the approach to the roundabout, use the most appropriate lane on approach and through the roundabout, unless road signs or markings tell you otherwise.

Always be wary of drivers that may do a U-Turn on a roundabout and care should be taken to not go over the central markings.

**Hazards:**

- Pedestrians, Zebra crossing, cyclists, animals, motorcyclists, lorries, long vehicles, road surface, all vehicles-Be prepared to stop.

**Spiral Roundabout:**

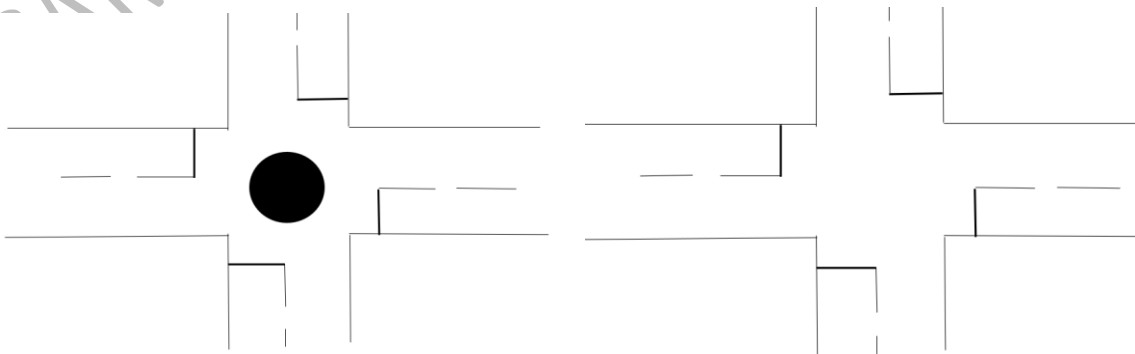
Spiral roundabouts differ from normal roundabouts in that the lanes spiral outwards from the centre of the roundabout and each lane has a designated exit. Road markings are used to keep vehicles in the correct lane, and to guide them towards the appropriate exit.

When you encounter a spiral roundabout:

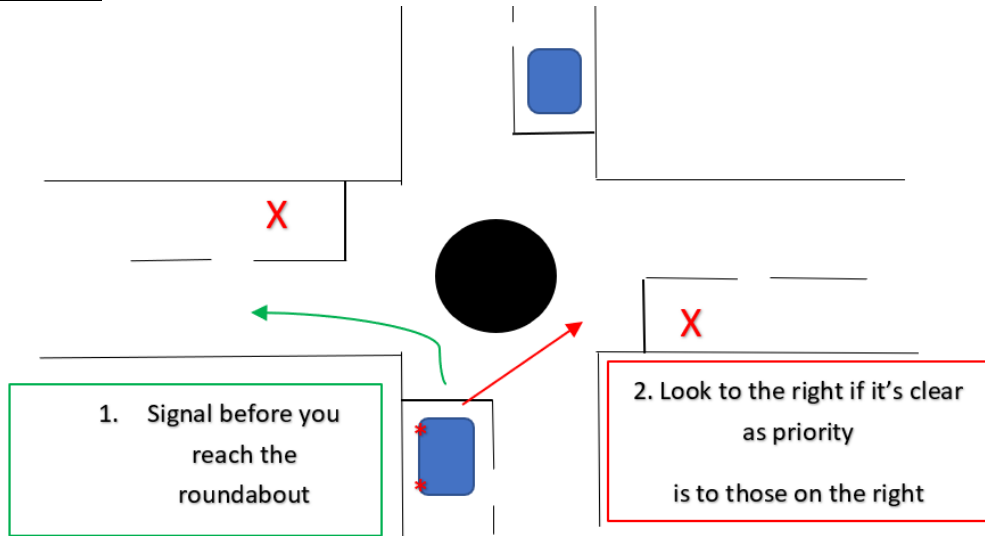
- Make sure you are in the correct lane when approaching and joining the roundabout
- Follow the road markings for your lane to the relevant exit
- Beware of drivers who may wish to join your lane from another

If you need to change lanes make sure it is safe before you do so and signal if necessary.

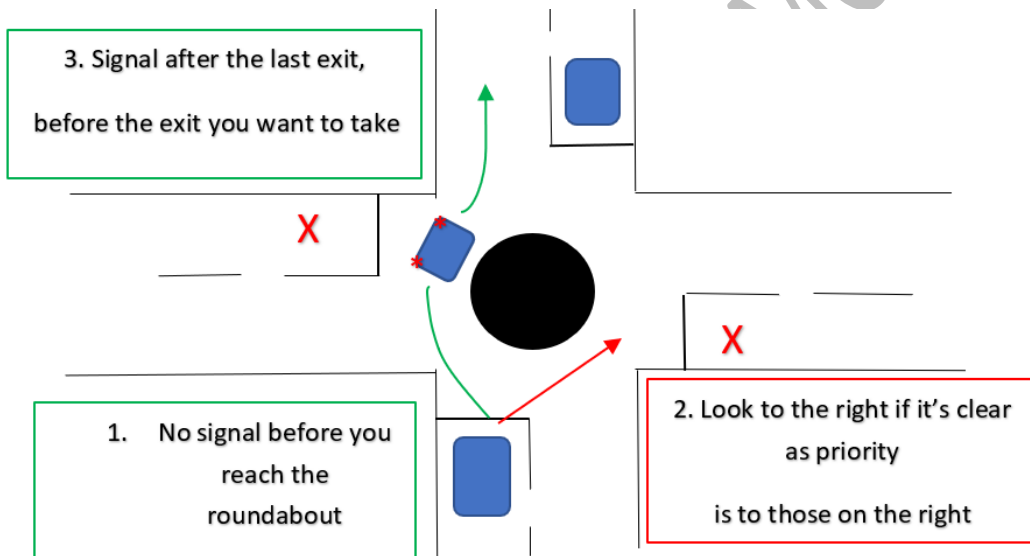
A roundabout is pretty much a crossroad with traffic following a one-way system:



**Turning left:**



**Going straight:**



**Going right:**

