

Intersections—The Turning Vehicle

Three major contributing factors to intersection accidents are: delayed perception, speed too fast for conditions, and false assumptions. Let's examine these factors and consider the most glaring hazard at an intersection—meeting the turning vehicle.

A turning vehicle at an intersection creates a very special problem to other drivers entering and passing through the area. Vision may be limited by buildings, foliage, or other vehicles. The turning vehicle may be stopped and then decide to turn and cut you off. Or, you may be faced with a lawbreaker that runs a light, stop sign, or yield sign. All of these potential hazards for the turning driver require defensive driving by YOU to prevent an accident.

Avoiding intersection accidents

The shortstop has to know what to do with the ball before it is hit. At any intersection that ball may come to you. What'll it be—an out—or an error? Here are some suggestions which will help you to avoid intersection accidents:

1. Approach all intersections prepared to yield the right of way even if it legally belongs to you. Take your foot off the gas and lightly cover the brake.
2. Decide what evasive action you will take should there be a conflict and have your vehicle under complete control so you can make any necessary maneuvers.
3. Keep your eyes moving to the sides and to the rear as you approach and pass through intersections.
4. Don't assume that the other vehicle will stop. A traffic light, stop sign, or yield sign doesn't physically stop a vehicle—the driver has to apply the brakes.

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