



You are driving along a six-lane road as a light rain falls. This photograph was taken from the driver's seat, and it shows a gasoline station to the left, and before the station a vehicle is stopped and about to enter traffic from the shoulder of the road. Ahead is a concrete mixer about to make a U-turn.

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Your Position



Weather



Time of Day

Driving in the right lane of a three lane road.

What should you be looking at right now?

ANSWER

You should be watching the vehicle entering traffic from the shoulder.



The van ended up crossing multiple lanes at once, and almost caused a collision. Like the concrete mixer, they wanted to make a U-turn from the right-hand lane. There are a limited number of roads that allow U-turns, and if a driver is in a hurry, they may perform this dangerous manoeuvre. If

you see a car signalling to change lanes from the shoulder on a multi-lane road, never assume they will just join the lane immediately next to them. It is important to anticipate the risk of the vehicle cutting into your lane.

Precautions for Lane Changing

In situations like this in which you want to move from the left-most to the right-most lane, you must use either indicators or hand signals for approximately three seconds for each lane changed. If that signalling time is too short, other drivers may not be aware of your intentions to change lanes and this it may cause you to be rear-ended or to be involved in another type of collision. If you do not have an adequate amount of time to signal with moving between lanes, do not change lanes.

