









# Signs you must recognize

Shape and color tell you what to do before you read the text.

## Sign color decoder

 <b>Red</b> Stop, yield, or do not enter	 <b>Yellow</b> Warning of hazard ahead	 <b>Orange</b> Work zone, construction, or detour	 <b>Green</b> Permitted movement or directions
 <b>Blue</b> Driver services, hospitals, rest areas	 <b>Brown</b> Recreation, parks, scenic areas	 <b>White</b> Regulatory — must obey the posted rule	 <b>Yellow-green</b> Pedestrian, school, or bike crossing

## Alaska signs you will see on the test

 <b>No U-Turn</b> U-turns are prohibited at this location.	 <b>Winding road</b> Road ahead winds with several curves; slow down and stay alert.	 <b>Advisory speed</b> Maximum safe speed for this curve or exit ramp.	 <b>Merge</b> Traffic from another lane is merging ahead; adjust speed and position.	 <b>Winding road</b> Three or more curves ahead; reduce speed.	 <b>Right lane ends</b> Right lane ends; traffic in that lane must merge left.
 <b>Intersection ahead</b> A crossing road is ahead; be ready to yield.	 <b>Railroad crossing</b> Slow down, look, listen; be ready to stop for trains.	 <b>Warning sign</b> Diamond-shaped yellow sign warns of road hazards.	 <b>Stop (shape)</b> Any eight-sided sign means stop completely.	 <b>Road workers</b> Workers on or very near roadway ahead; slow down.	 <b>Low shoulder</b> Shoulder is lower than road; losing control risk if you drift.
 <b>Signal ahead</b> Traffic signal at the intersection ahead.	 <b>Steep hill</b> Steep downgrade ahead; use lower gear to control speed.	 <b>Exit only</b> Lane below sign exits freeway; you must exit if staying in lane.	 <b>Do not enter</b> One-way street or ramp; wrong-way entry prohibited.	 <b>Curve right</b> Road curves to the right ahead; reduce speed.	 <b>Large arrow (one direction)</b> Road ahead curves sharply to the right; follow the arrow.
 <b>No passing zone</b> Pennant shape marks start of no-passing zone.	 <b>Do not pass</b> Passing is not permitted in this zone.	 <b>RR crossing advance</b> Railroad crossing is approaching ahead.	 <b>Chevron left</b> Road curves sharply to the left; follow arrow direction.		

## Sign shape shortcuts

# Rules of the road

## Right of way

**4-way stop** — First to arrive goes first. Ties: yield to driver on the right.

**Uncontrolled intersection** — Yield to vehicle on your right.

**Left turn** — Yield to all oncoming traffic and pedestrians.

**Pedestrian in crosswalk** — Stop until pedestrian is completely out of crosswalk.

**Driveway / private road** — Yield to pedestrians and traffic on the public road.

**Emergency vehicle** — Pull to right edge and stop; never block intersection.

**Merging onto freeway** — Accelerate to freeway speed; freeway cars have right-of-way.

**Green light — pedestrian crossing** — Stop and let pedestrians finish crossing, even on green.

**Inoperable signal** — Treat as a four-way stop; yield to driver on right.

**Flashing yellow arrow** — Turn is permitted; yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians.

## Alaska speed limits

Most Alaskan roadways	55 mph
School zone	20 mph
Business district	Varies — posted
Residential district	Varies — posted

Alley	Varies — posted
Advisory speed sign	Max safe speed for curve or
Basic rule	Never faster than conditions allow

## Lane markings and changes

**Solid yellow** — No passing on your side of the line.

**Broken yellow** — Passing allowed when safe.

**Double solid yellow** — No passing in either direction.

**Solid white (center line)** — Lanes moving same direction — passing not permitted.

**Solid white (edge line)** — Marks shoulder or road boundary; do not cross.

**Broken white** — Lane change permitted when safe.

**Pennant sign — left side** — Marks start of no-passing zone on that road.

**Before changing lanes** — Check mirrors and look over shoulder for blind spot.

**Highway exit** — Never back up or cut across lanes; take next exit.

## Turning and signaling

**Signal distance** — Signal minimum 100 ft before turning or changing lanes.

**Hand signal — left** — Arm straight out the driver window.

**Hand signal — right** — Left arm and hand extended upward.

**Hand signal — slow / stop** — Left arm and hand extended downward.

**Right on red** — Allowed after a full stop, unless posted otherwise.

**Right turn, two-way street** — Get in right lane; signal well in advance; watch for pedestrians.

**Signal — always required** — Even when changing lanes with no visible traffic.

**Pulling from curb** — Yield to all moving traffic before entering the roadway.

## Following distance and emergencies

**Following rule** — 4-second minimum under ideal conditions; increase in poor weather.

**Tailgater behind you** — Move right or slow gradually; let them pass.

**Brake failure** — Downshift, pump pedal, use parking brake, aim for soft shoulder.

**Tire blowout** — Grip the wheel, ease off gas; apply brakes gently when slowed.

**Skid** — Steer in direction of skid; ease off gas.

**Approaching emergency vehicle** — Pull to right edge and stop until it passes.

**Crash reporting** — Report to DMV if injury, death, or damage of \$501 or more.

**Too-slow driver** — Pull to the right and let traffic pass; disrupting flow is illegal.

## Sharing the road

**Cyclist** — Slow and give as much space as possible when passing.

**Truck blind spots (No Zone)** — If you can't see the driver's mirror, they can't see you.

**Slow-moving vehicle triangle** — Orange triangle with red border = vehicle goes  $\leq$  25 mph.

**Stopped vehicle (parked car)** — Leave note with name and contact info if you hit one.

**School bus — red flashers** — Stop until lights go off and bus moves.

**Motorcyclist** — Give a full lane; check blind spot before changing lanes.

**Driver fatigue** — Stop and rest; drowsy driving is as dangerous as impaired driving.

# Safety, DUI, parking and test-day

## Alaska DUI quick-facts

Adult driver BAC limit	0.08 %	Only thing that sobers up	Time — not coffee, not water
First DUI minimum jail	3 days	Body clears approx.	1 alcoholic drink per hour
First DUI license revocation	90 days minimum	Alcohol + other drug	Effects of both are multiplied
Implied-consent refusal	License revocation + 10 demerit points + criminal DUI and Refusal charges	Open container on highway	Illegal under any circumstances

## Hazardous conditions

### DO

- + Use low beams in fog, rain, and snow
- + Increase following distance in rain, snow, ice, or reduced visibility
- + Steer in the direction of a skid; ease off the gas
- + Pull to the right and stop for emergency vehicles with lights on
- + Back your vehicle with head and body turned right to see out rear window
- + Check behind car before backing if children may be nearby
- + Scan the entire road and roadsides continuously while driving

### DON'T

- Use high beams in fog — light reflects back, reducing visibility
- Brake hard on slippery surfaces — make no sudden speed or direction changes
- Use cruise control on wet or icy roads
- Stop on freeway shoulder unless it is a genuine emergency
- Drive when feeling drowsy — stop and rest instead
- Use a phone while driving without hands-free equipment
- Drive while angry or emotionally impaired — take time to cool off first

## Parking rules

Fire hydrant clearance	15 ft minimum	Downhill with curb	Wheels TOWARD curb (right)
Parking on crosswalk	Illegal — never park on a	Uphill with curb	Wheels AWAY from curb (left)
Bicycle lane parking	Illegal — never park in a marked bike lane	Downhill no curb	Wheels TOWARD road edge
Freeway shoulder	Only if genuine emergency	Parallel park — start position	Pull even with car in front of space

## Equipment and vehicle rules

**Seat belts** — Required for everyone in a moving vehicle at all times.

**Driver who fails to buckle under-16 passenger** — Fine up to \$50 per unbuckled passenger.

**License plate** — One plate required on rear of vehicle with tabs displayed.

**Proof at traffic stop** — Must show license, registration, and proof of insurance.

**Minimum property damage insurance** —

**Driving without insurance** — License suspension for minimum 90 days.

**Points — suspension threshold** — 12+ points in 12 months triggers suspension.

**Parking lights** — Only for use when vehicle is parked, never while moving.

## Alaska test-day cheat box

Exam length (all drivers)	20 questions	Supervised driving hours	40 total (10 at night)
Passing score	80 % — 16 of 20 correct	Permit hold before provisional	6 months minimum
Permit fee	\$15	Provisional curfew	No driving 1:00 AM – 5:00 AM alone
Eligible for permit at age	14	Passenger restriction (first 6 mo)	No passengers under 21 (except siblings)

## Last-minute test-taking tips

Alaska's 20-question test is the shortest in the nation — every wrong answer costs 5 points. Read every option before you pick; the DMV often includes a partially-correct option to trip you up. When two options seem right, pick the more cautious one ("slow and yield" usually beats "speed up" or "honk and proceed"). Eliminate obvious wrong answers first, then guess — unanswered counts as wrong. Remember: 4-second following distance, 55 mph default, 20 mph school zones, and 0.08 BAC are the four numbers most likely to appear.