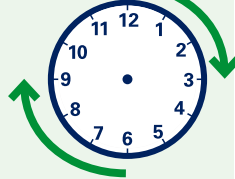


ALWAYS treat the roundabout as if it is a clock face with all movement flowing clockwise.



- ALWAYS assume that your approach is from the six o'clock position.
- Approach at the correct speed and in the right gear.
- ALWAYS signal your intentions clearly.
- Cancel your signal after leaving the roundabout.

Mini-roundabouts - the all round rules

Mini-roundabouts should be approached in the same way as normal roundabouts. All vehicles **MUST** pass around the central markings except large vehicles which are physically incapable of doing so.

The Highway Code NI says:

Rule 189 - Double mini-roundabouts. Treat each roundabout separately and give way to traffic from the right.

Rule 190 - Multiple roundabouts. Some complex junctions may have a series of mini-roundabouts at each intersection. Treat each mini-roundabout separately and follow the normal rules.

Remember at mini-roundabouts there is less space to manoeuvre and less time to signal. Avoid making U-turns and beware of others doing this.

Who's most vulnerable all round?

Rule 187 in The Highway Code NI says you should watch out for and give plenty of room to:

- Pedestrians who may be crossing the approach and exit roads.
- Traffic crossing in front of you on the roundabout, especially vehicles intending to leave by the next exit.
- Traffic which may be straddling lanes or positioned incorrectly.
- Motorcyclists.
- Cyclists and horse riders who may stay in the left-hand lane and signal right if they intend to continue around the roundabout. Allow them to do so.
- Long vehicles (including those towing trailers). These might have to take a different course or straddle lanes either approaching or on the roundabout because of their length. Watch out for their signals.

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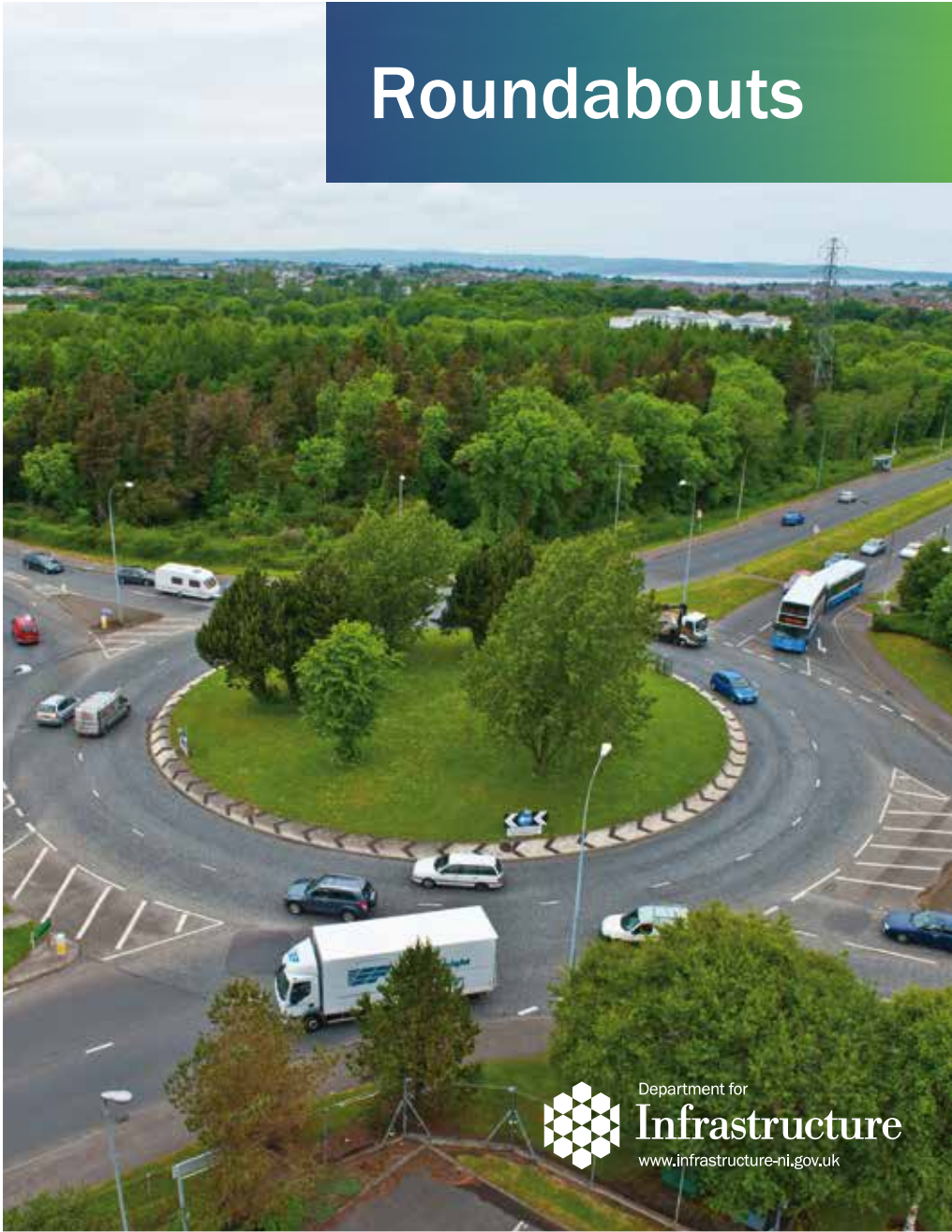
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ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION

Roundabouts



Know the rules, and be safer all round

Do you really know your way around a roundabout or are you just going round in circles?

Using a roundabout is quite simple when you know the rules. So brush up now and improve your skills. Follow these rules from **The Highway Code NI**.

Keep it flowing all round

When used properly, roundabouts can smooth traffic flow at busy junctions. In simple terms they are **circular, clockwise, one-way traffic systems**, which allow vehicles to enter and leave a junction safely from a number of different roads. If we all stick to the rules things should flow smoothly.

All round rules

Give way

When entering a roundabout **GIVE WAY** to traffic already on the roundabout, unless road markings and signs say otherwise.

If the way is clear keep moving. Stopping at a clear roundabout slows the flow of

traffic and can cause frustrating delays.

A roundabout entrance is usually marked by a single broken line across the road. Sometimes you may find other markings. At some roundabouts one traffic lane may be allowed to flow freely but there will be road makings or signs to show this.

Speed

At a roundabout, you should **drive according to the road, weather and traffic conditions** as well as the road-holding qualities of your vehicle.

If you approach too fast, other drivers on the roundabout might think you are going to drive in front of them, making them brake or swerve which could cause a collision.

If you approach too fast and brake hard, the driver behind you may collide into the back of your vehicle.

So when approaching a roundabout **ALWAYS** drive at a speed that allows you to **STOP** and **GIVE WAY** if necessary.

Positioning, signals and procedures

Being correctly positioned at a roundabout and signalling clearly in good time helps other road users.

Just think around the clock

Taking the second exit at 10 o'clock

APPROACH Left lane.

SIGNAL All-round observation; no approach signal.

ON ROUNDABOUT Keep in the left lane.

EXIT Check mirrors and indicate left when you have passed the exit before the one you want to take.

Taking the first exit at 8 o'clock

APPROACH Left lane.

SIGNAL All-round observation and left-turn indicator on approach.

ON ROUNDABOUT Keep in the left lane.

EXIT Check mirrors before leaving the roundabout and keep indicating left until just after leaving the roundabout.

Taking the third exit at 12 o'clock

APPROACH Left lane.

SIGNAL No approach signal.

ON ROUNDABOUT Keep in the left lane (use the right lane if approach was in the right lane).

EXIT Check your mirrors and indicate left when you have passed the exit before the one you want to take.

Taking the fourth exit at 2 o'clock

APPROACH Right lane.

SIGNAL All-round observation and indicate right on approach.

ON ROUNDABOUT Keep in the right lane near the centre of the roundabout; keep the right-turn indicator going.

EXIT Check your mirrors and change to the left-turn indicator when you have passed the exit before the one you want to take. Check your mirrors, glance over your left shoulder and ease into the left lane for exit.

Taking the fifth exit at 4 o'clock

APPROACH Right lane.

SIGNAL All-round observation and indicate right on approach.

ON ROUNDABOUT Keep in the right lane near the centre of the roundabout; keep the right-turn indicator going.

EXIT Check your mirrors and change to the left-turn indicator when you have passed the exit before the one you want to take. Check your mirrors, glance over your left shoulder and ease into the left lane for exit.

Follow the rules and be safer all round



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