

ASK A DUMMY: VINCE AND LARRY'S ADVICE COLUMN

Dear Vince and Larry,

What's the big deal about using turn signals? Why does everyone need to know where I'm going?



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Vince: Drivers are always required to use turn signals when turning or changing lanes.

Larry: We know that - but why?

Vince: Mainly, it lets other drivers know what you're going to do. That's especially handy if they're in your blind spot when you want to move over.

Larry: Okay, I get that. So what, like two blinks before I go right or left?

Vince: Actually, Kansas law says you must signal 100 feet before turning or changing lanes.

Larry: Really?

Vince: Really.

Larry: But what if I'm already in a turn lane?

Vince: You've still got to use it.

Larry: It is annoying when someone slows down in front of you and you're not sure why.

Vince: Exactly!

Larry: I mean, are you turning into the gas station or just slowing down for a squirrel, grandma?!

Vince: Not to mention when speeding drivers weave around other vehicles without signaling.

Larry: That's how they do it in the movies.

Vince: And in most car commercials. But most of those are filmed to make driving seem more exciting when you ignore safety, courtesy and the law.

Larry: That's false advertising! You're way more likely to crash and hurt someone driving like that.

Vince: Exactly. So remember - buckle up and drive SAFE!