

Under the Trooper's Hat
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Many roads in our communities lack stop or yield signs where two streets meet, which can lead to confusion when drivers arrive at the same time. So, who has the right of way?

The general rule is simple: when two vehicles approach an uncontrolled intersection at the same time, the driver on the left must yield to the driver on the right. This helps keep traffic flowing smoothly and prevents crashes.

At T-intersections without traffic signs or signals, the driver on the road that comes to a dead end must yield to vehicles traveling on the through road. This ensures that main traffic continues uninterrupted.

When approaching a stop sign, drivers must come to a complete stop at the marked line. If there isn't a marked line, the driver should stop at the closest point where they can clearly see oncoming traffic before proceeding. Right-of-way goes to vehicles already in or approaching the intersection, as well as to drivers who arrived first at a multi-way stop.

For yield signs, drivers must slow down and be prepared to stop if necessary. If road conditions require it, the driver should stop where they have a clear view of oncoming traffic. Drivers must yield to any vehicle already in the intersection or close enough to pose a hazard. If a driver passes a yield sign without stopping and causes a crash, that driver is considered at fault for failing to yield.

Following these right-of-way rules helps keep intersections safe and traffic moving efficiently.

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