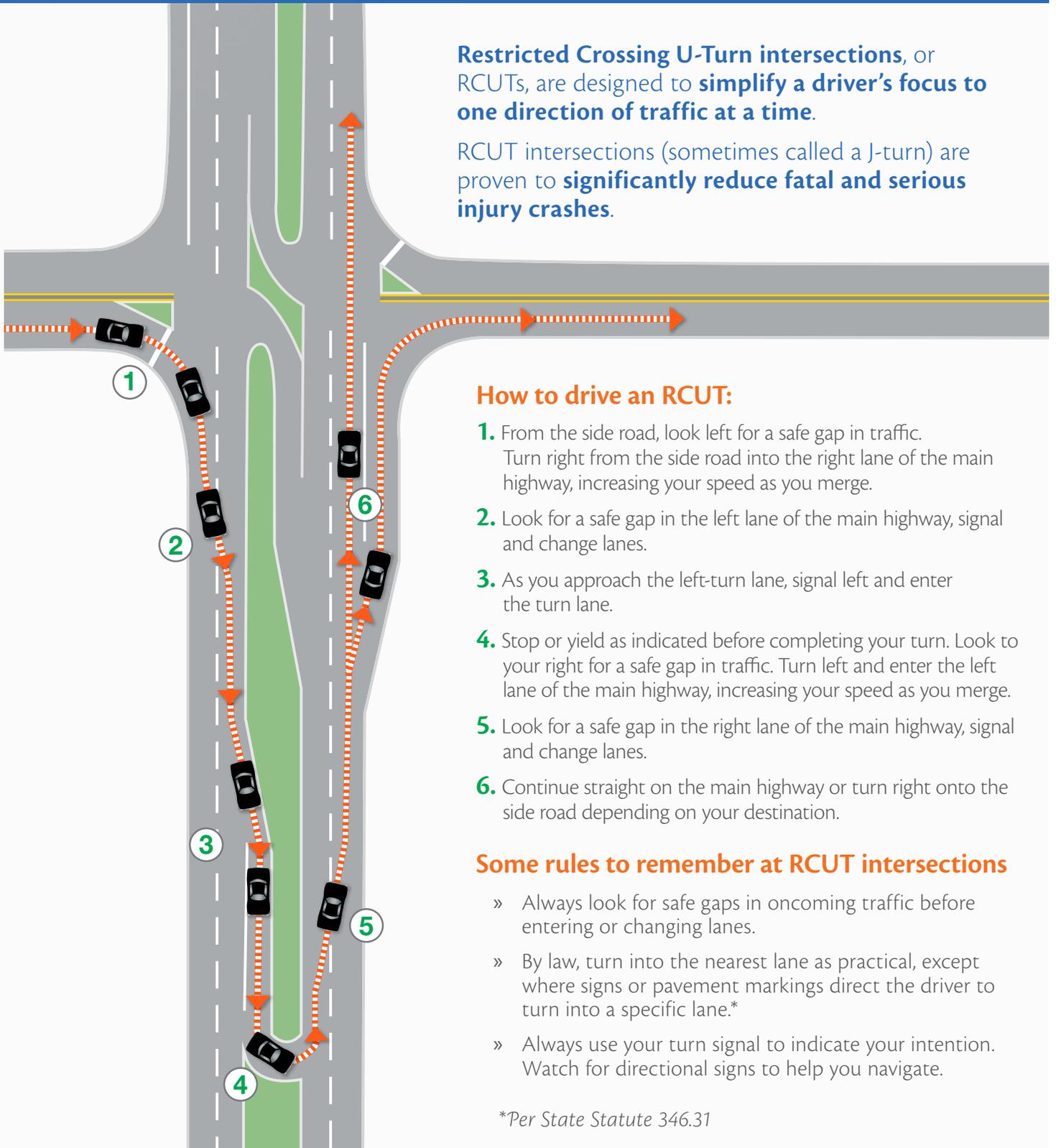




Driving an RCUT intersection without extended turn lanes

Restricted Crossing U-Turn intersections, or RCUTs, are designed to simplify a driver's focus to one direction of traffic at a time.

RCUT intersections (sometimes called a J-turn) are proven to **significantly reduce fatal and serious injury crashes.**



How to drive an RCUT:

1. From the side road, look left for a safe gap in traffic. Turn right from the side road into the right lane of the main highway, increasing your speed as you merge.
2. Look for a safe gap in the left lane of the main highway, signal and change lanes.
3. As you approach the left-turn lane, signal left and enter the turn lane.
4. Stop or yield as indicated before completing your turn. Look to your right for a safe gap in traffic. Turn left and enter the left lane of the main highway, increasing your speed as you merge.
5. Look for a safe gap in the right lane of the main highway, signal and change lanes.
6. Continue straight on the main highway or turn right onto the side road depending on your destination.

Some rules to remember at RCUT intersections

- » Always look for safe gaps in oncoming traffic before entering or changing lanes.
- » By law, turn into the nearest lane as practical, except where signs or pavement markings direct the driver to turn into a specific lane.*
- » Always use your turn signal to indicate your intention. Watch for directional signs to help you navigate.

**Per State Statute 346.31*