

Emergency stop answers

Why is a demonstration particularly useful for the emergency stop?

The stop is quite a violent action. Many learners might not be expecting such a harsh stop, a demonstration will show them just how hard the brake must be pressed and how the stop will feel.

Give an example of how you could discuss 'avoiding emergency stops' during the drive to the emergency stop location.

Note: there could be 100's of examples, the question was asked simply to 'get you thinking.' Your tuition will be based on whatever is happening at the time.

Example: "By reducing your speed like this when you spot children on the footpath you make it less likely that you will need to stop quickly if they run out because you are prepared - we call this defensive driving."

What advice would you give about cars that do not have ABS fitted?

All modern cars have ABS. Because of this most people learning to drive now are unlikely to encounter a non-ABS car. You could briefly explain how to do an emergency stop in a non-ABS car, but it would probably be more useful for them to come to you for an emergency stop lesson if they get a non-ABS vehicle.

What safety check should you make immediately before giving the signal to stop in the emergency stop exercise?

A glance behind - do not rely on mirrors alone.

What advice is given in many, if not most/all, car handbooks about using the brake and clutch in an emergency?

Use both feet together - pressing the footbrake and clutch at the same time.