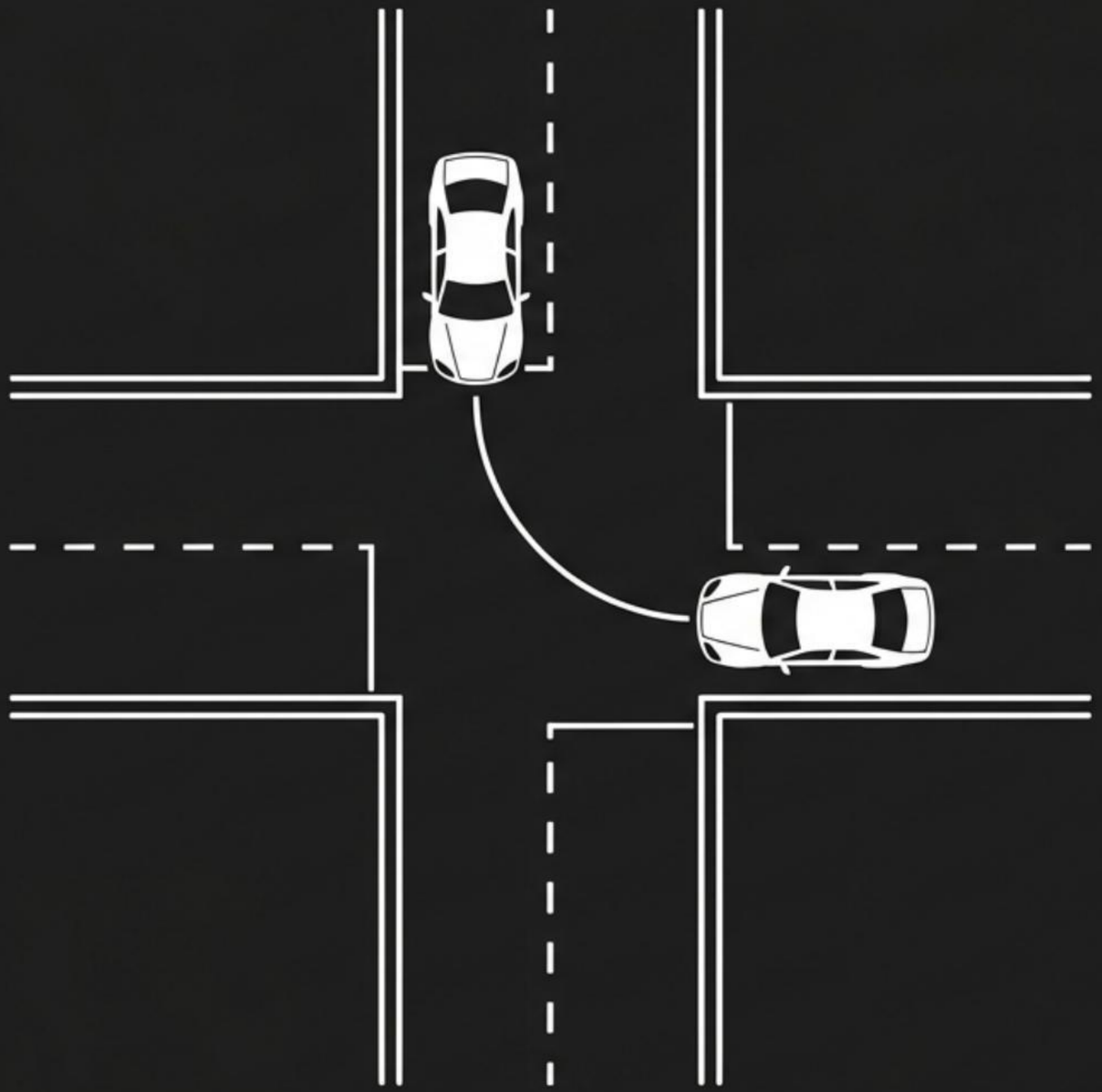


WHO GOES FIRST?

The Ultimate New York Right-of-Way Survival Guide

Right-of-way rules answer just one question: When two road users could go at the same time, who gets to go?

> NEW YORK IS STRICTER THAN ITS NEIGHBORS. WHEN IN DOUBT, THE YIELD IS ON YOU.

Coming from out of state? The test targets two habits.

TEST TRAP 1

The Divided Highway Bus

Traffic facing a stopped school bus must stop from BOTH directions—even on a divided highway. No exceptions.

California and New Jersey rules will fail you here.

TEST TRAP 2

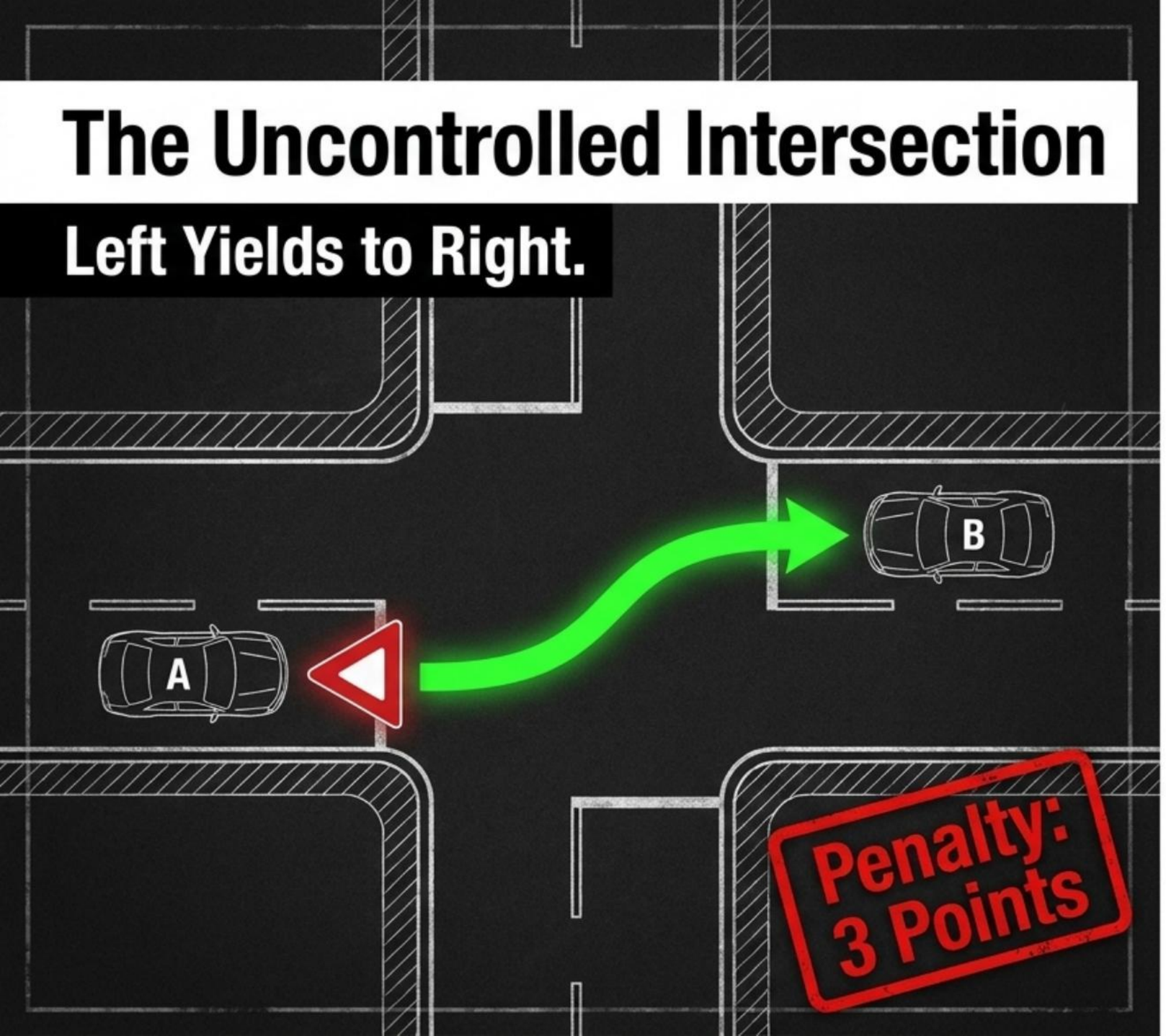
The NYC Right-on-Red

In the five boroughs of NYC, turning right on red is completely BANNED unless a specific sign permits it.

This is the exact opposite of the rule in the rest of the state.

The Uncontrolled Intersection

Left Yields to Right.



Private Road/Driveway

Stop and yield to traffic & pedestrians before entering.

Dark Signal

Treat it exactly as a Stop Sign.

Traffic Officer

Overrides all signs and signals. Follow the officer, not the light.

Box Rule

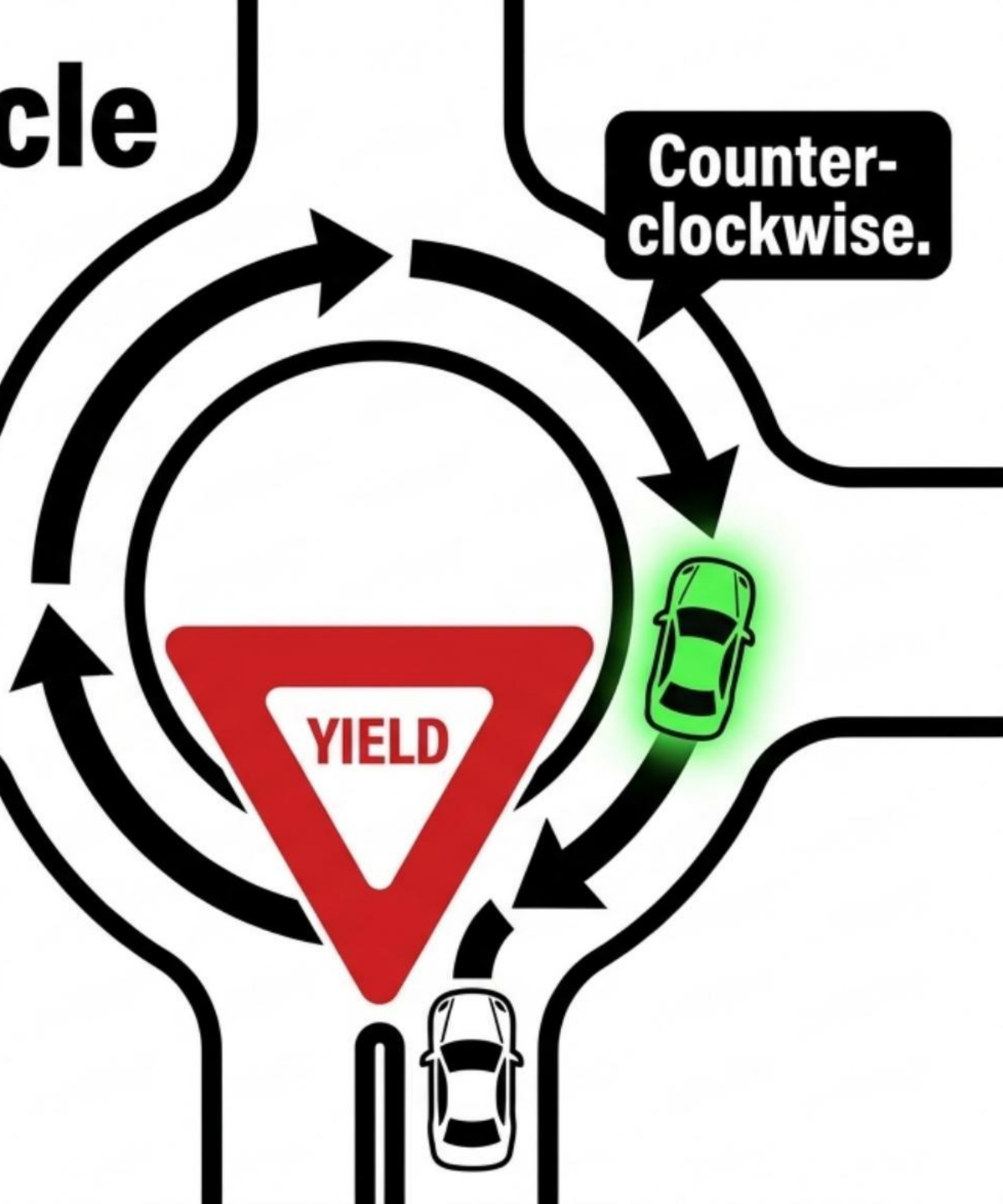
Never enter an intersection you cannot fully clear.

Navigating the Circle

Traffic entering the circle MUST yield to drivers already in it. You do not have the right-of-way on the way in.



Designed for 30 mph or less.



The Right-on-Red Flip

Most of NY State	New York City (Trap)
Turn allowed after a full stop & yielding to traffic/pedestrians.	**NOT ALLOWED** at all unless a sign explicitly permits it.

Universal Turning Rules



Left Turns: Always yield to oncoming traffic & **crossing** pedestrians.



Left on Red: Allowed in ONE case only (One-way street into a one-way street).



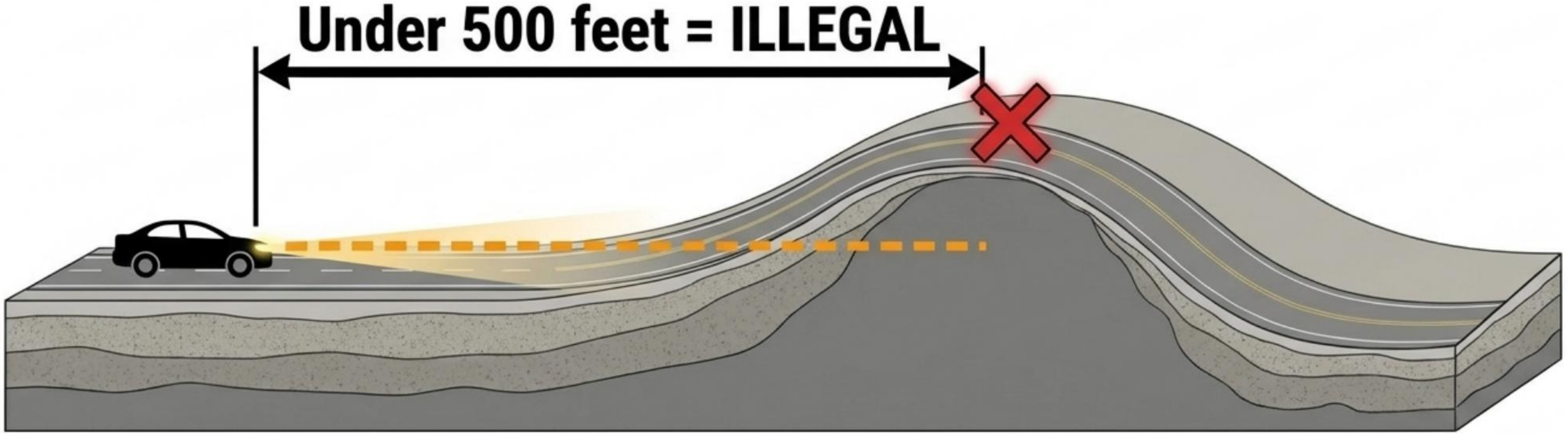
Red Arrow: NO turns. Ever. (School buses can NEVER turn right on red).



Signal Rule: Signal at least 100 feet before turning or exiting an expressway.

The U-Turn 500-Foot Rule

U-turns are only made from the left portion of the lane nearest the centerline.

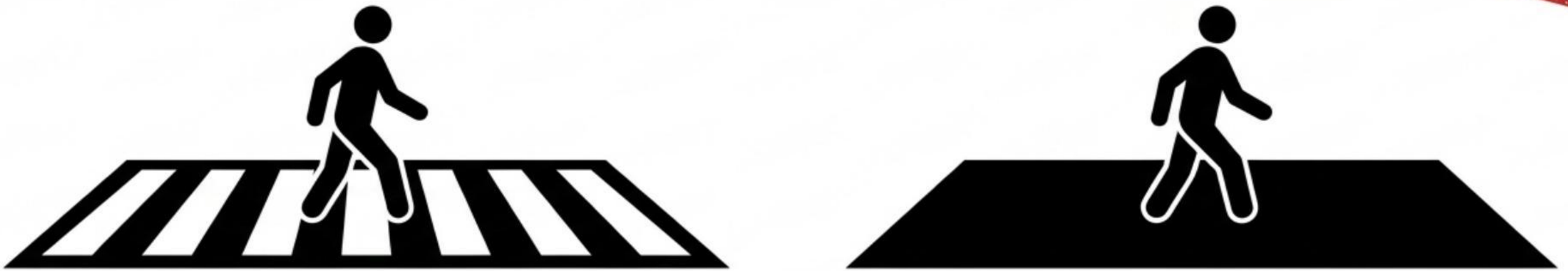


Also Illegal In:

- School zones
- NYC business districts
- Limited-access expressways
- Where **NO U-TURN** signs are posted

Every Crosswalk Counts

Penalty: 3 Points



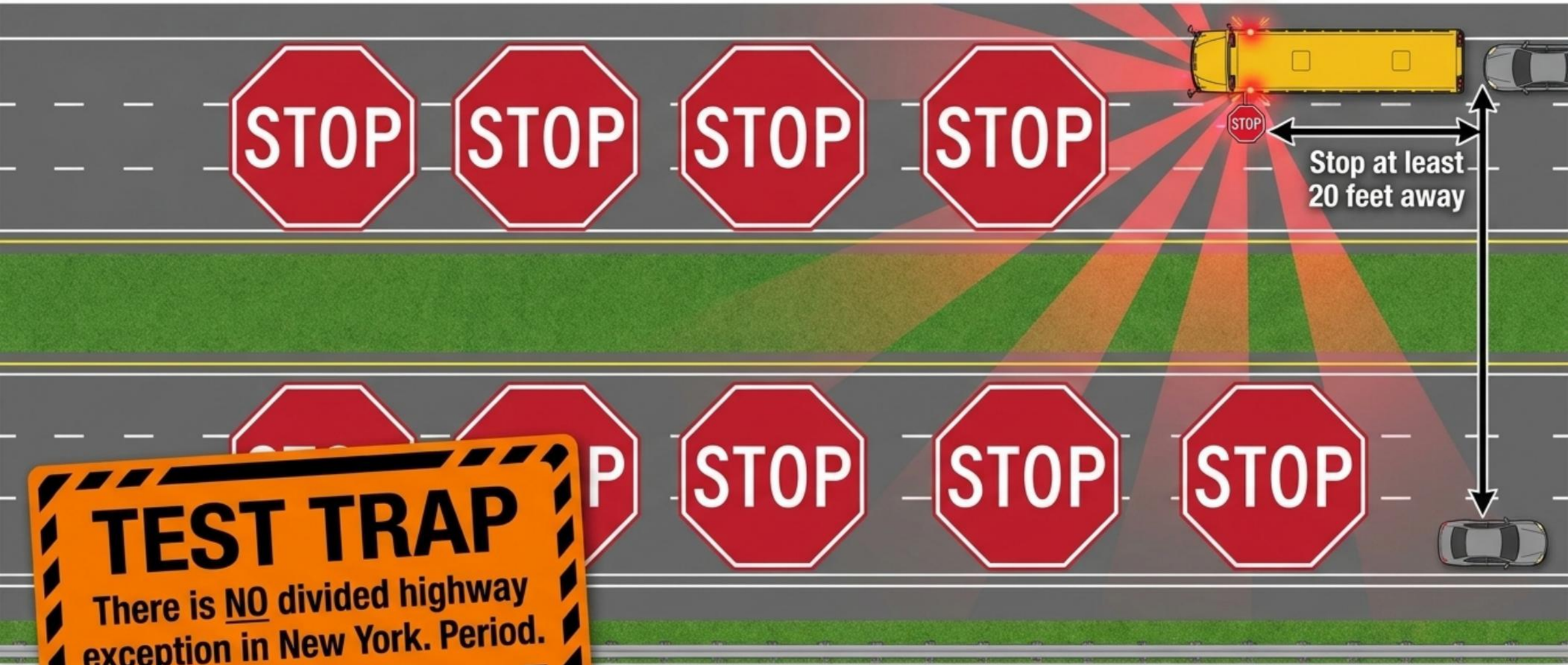
You must yield in both. Paint is not required for an intersection crosswalk to exist.

Turning does not cancel your duty to yield to crossing pedestrians.



Blind pedestrians (with a guide dog, or white/metal cane) ALWAYS have the right-of-way, even if traffic signals are not in their favor.

The School Bus: The Stop With No Exceptions



Sequence: Yellow flashing = bus is about to stop. Do not speed up. Stay stopped until the bus moves or you are signaled to proceed.
Note: Buses equipped for people with disabilities trigger the exact same rules.

Why School Buses Matter Most

Passing a stopped school bus carries the heaviest penalties in this guide:

VIOLATION: PASSING STOPPED SCHOOL BUS

POINTS ASSESSED: 8 POINTS
(Note: DMV current schedule says 8. 8 governs!)

FINES: $250 MINIMUM
(Up to $1,000 for 3 violations in 3 years)

LICENSE STATUS: REVOKED
(3 convictions in 3 yrs = min. 6 months)

OWNER CAMERA LIABILITY:
$250 / $275 / $300

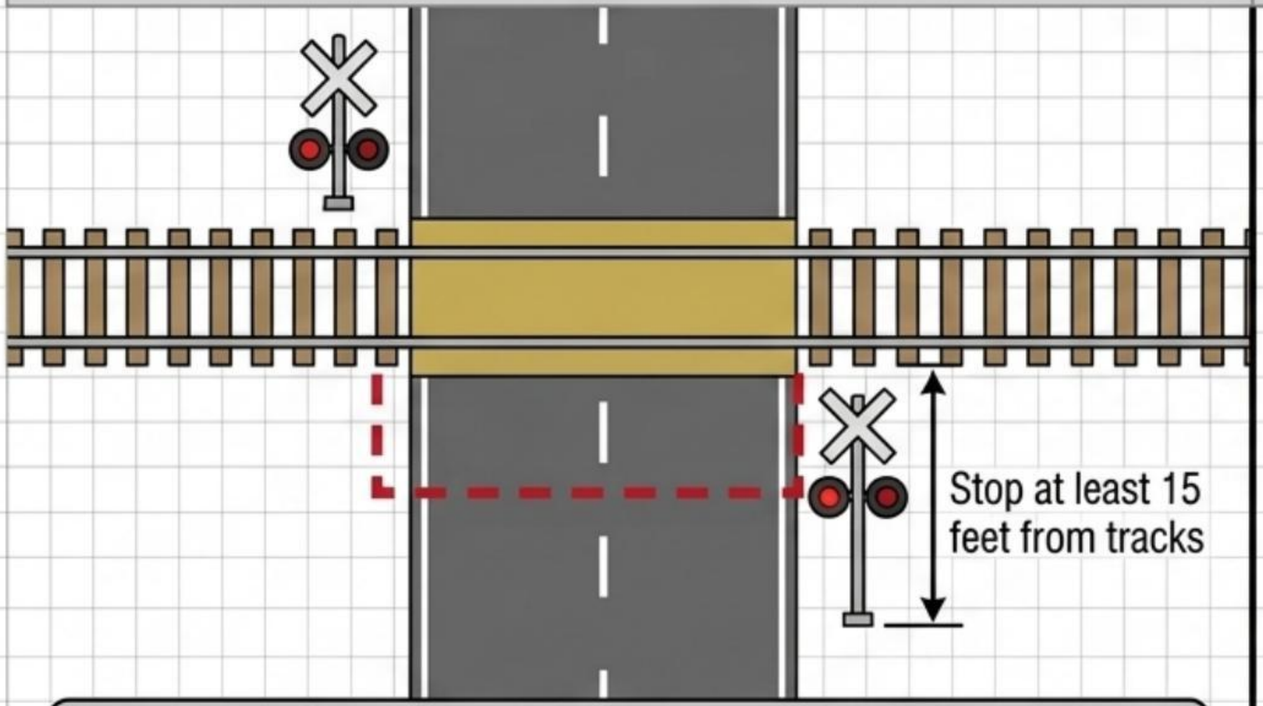


This is the most strictly enforced rule on the exam.
Do not apply out-of-state leniency.
leniency.

Clearing the Tracks

Violation = 5 Points

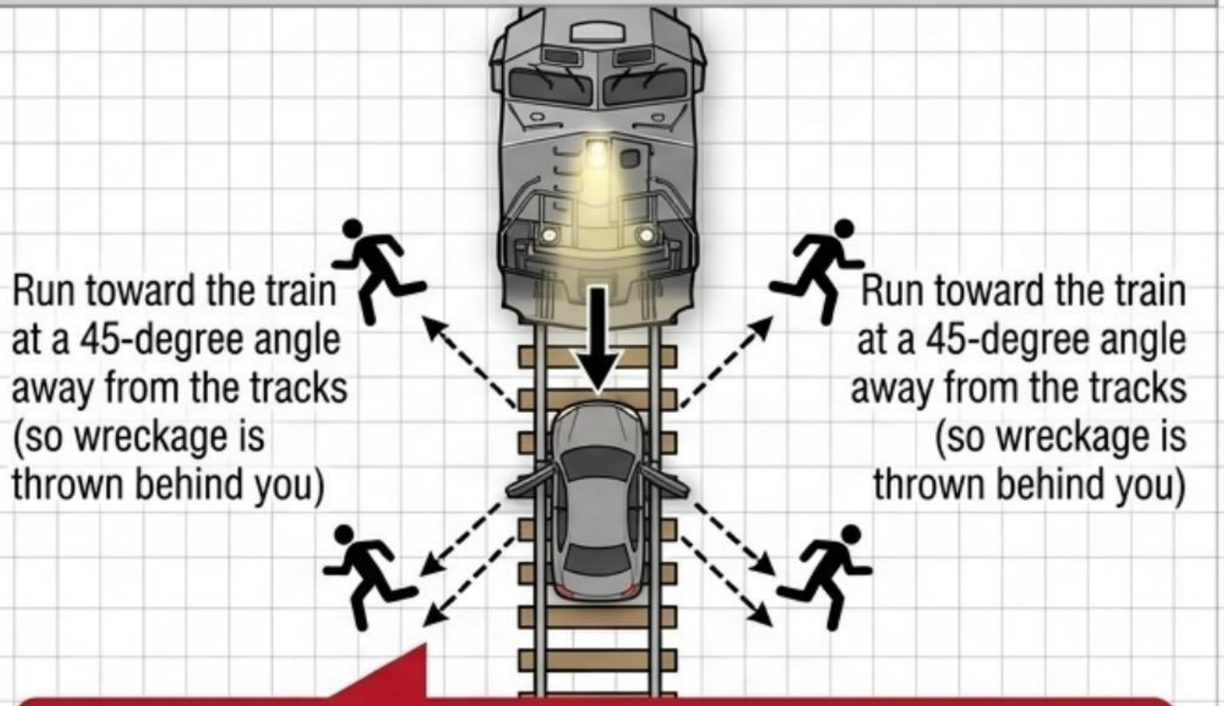
The Rules



MANDATORY STOPPERS (Every Crossing)

School buses, passenger buses, and vehicles carrying explosives/flammables stop within **50 ft**, but **no closer than 15 ft.**

Stall Emergency Protocol



⚠ STALLED ON TRACKS?

1. **Get out immediately.**
2. **Call the Emergency Notification number.**
3. **Run toward the train at a 45-degree angle away from the tracks** (so wreckage is thrown behind you).

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Violation = 5 Points
(Failure to exercise due care)

The Move Over Law (Expanded)



Active Emergencies

Lights/Sirens: Pull to the right edge and stop. If in an intersection, clear it first.

The Move Over Law

Now covers **EVERY** stopped vehicle on the side of the road. You must reduce speed and move out of the lane immediately next to it.

The Light Code Matrix



Vol. Fire (Blue) / Vol. Rescue (Green)

Courtesy Yield



Tow, Plow, Mail, Bus warning

Hazard Yield



Police, Fire, EMS

Mandatory Stop/Move Over

Are You Ready?

3-Question Self-Check

1.

A school bus is stopped with red lights flashing on the far side of a divided highway, and you're traveling the opposite direction. What do you do, and how far back do you stop?

2.

You're at a steady red light in Manhattan and no sign is posted. After a full stop, may you turn right?

3.

You and another driver reach an uncontrolled intersection at the same time. The other driver is on your left. Who yields?

The Final Log

Quiz Answers

1: STOP — at least 20 feet back.
(No divided highway exception)

2: NO.
(NYC bans right-on-red unless a sign permits)

3: THEY YIELD.
(Driver on the left yields to the right)

Key Numbers Data Log

20 feet	Min. distance to stop for a school bus.
15 feet	Min. distance to stop for a railroad crossing.
100 feet	Distance to signal before a turn/exit.
500 feet	Visibility required for a U-turn.
3 Points	Fail to yield to vehicle or pedestrian.
5 Points	Move over violation / Railroad violation.
8 Points	Passing a stopped school bus.

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