

# Bay Parking

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## Generally

### **You must finish:**

Within the lines of your bay without cutting any of them in the process.

Effective observation throughout, stopping if people or cars approach.

You are allowed to make corrections providing you have not cut the lines around the bay you are entering.

You are allowed to enter any other bays in the car park if it helps but not if it will endanger others.

### **Technique 1 – turn towards the bay**

Locate your bay.

Keep enough room between you and the bays to allow a car to drive between you.

Drive passed the space you are parking in and stop when your head is 1¼ to 2 bays after the space.

Reverse the car turning at full lock in the direction of your bay.

Once you see a white line both sides of your car, straighten the steering to drive at entrance to your bay.

Make sure you keep the same gap between the sides of your car and the white lines on both sides.

Drive to the entrance then line the car up with the back of the bay and drive to the back of the bay.

Stop when your car is in the space, i.e behind the entrance white line or before you hit the kerb at the back.

### **Technique 2 – turn away from the bay**

Locate your bay.

Drive in front of your space keeping near to the entrance (30cm between door and spaces should be fine).

Line your head up with the white line at the start of your bay or just before the line.

Keeping the car slow, turn at full lock away from your bay.

Keep going until your bay appears behind you.

Once you see a white line both sides of your car, straighten the steering to drive at entrance to your bay.

Make sure you keep the same gap between the sides of your car and the white lines on both sides.

Drive to the entrance then line the car up with the back of the bay and drive to the back of the bay.

Stop when your car is in the space, i.e behind the entrance white line or before you hit the kerb at the back.

## **Problems**

You might make a mistake and not line up the car with the bays – don't worry, we're all human. As a general rule, go forward in the direction of the line that is causing you problems, when you see a line appear in both mirrors, drive in a straight line towards your bay.

If there isn't room to enter the bay opposite you, just perform a 'turn in the road' until the bays appear behind you.