



## THE EMERGENCY STOP.

This **may** be included in your practical driving test at the discretion of the examiner.

**Purpose** To stop the car as quickly as possible whilst maintaining control of the vehicle.

**DO NOT LOOK IN YOUR MIRRORS!!**

You **WON'T** have time!! By the time you have checked them to see if it's safe to stop, then you could have killed someone!

By constantly checking your rear view mirrors whilst driving, you should know what's behind you!!

**Method** **Quickly** take your right foot off the gas pedal and **quickly** onto the footbrake. Progressive braking must still be applied to the brake pedal but much quicker than usual. Do not stamp on the pedal, it could cause the vehicle to skid, especially if the road surface is loose or wet.



At the same time, lift the left foot and cover the clutch and holding the steering wheel at 10 - 2 position, lock the elbows and push against the steering wheel, thus pushing you back into the seat and assisting you to hold the steering wheel steady. NEVER loose the steering wheel!!

Maintaining the braking progress, depress the clutch at the very last minute just before the vehicle stops and the engine stalls, this maximises the effect of engine braking.

Remember that you may have stopped in your normal driving position in the middle of the road, so it is important that you carry out the 6 point check all around the vehicle to ascertain whether it is safe to move away and continue your journey.

Should you have to carry out an emergency stop whilst driving, it is strongly advised that once you have carried out your observations prior to moving off, you park the vehicle in the normal manner at the side of the road to collect yourself and to "Calm down" before continuing your journey.