

# Improper Lane Use

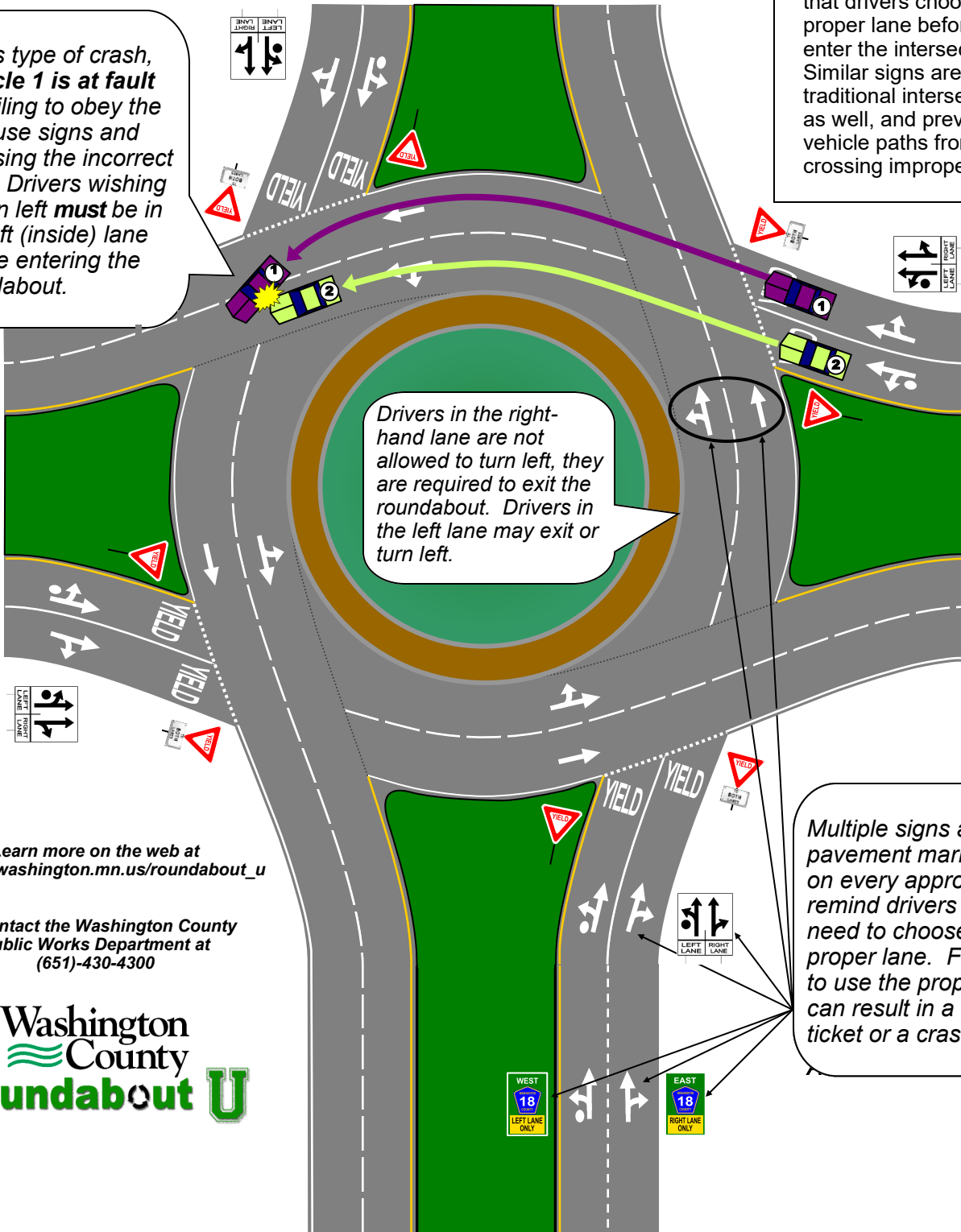
As with any other intersection, the proper lane must be chosen before entering a roundabout. Signs in advance of the intersection will always indicate which lanes may be used to turn or to continue ahead. As with any other intersection, keep left to turn left through the roundabout, and keep right to turn right. Never change lanes within an intersection, including within roundabouts.

In the typical example below, drivers turning left must use **only** the left (inside) lane, thereby preventing crashes with exiting traffic.

LEFT LANE	RIGHT LANE

Lane use signs require that drivers choose the proper lane before they enter the intersection. Similar signs are used at traditional intersections as well, and prevent vehicle paths from crossing improperly.

In this type of crash, **Vehicle 1 is at fault** for failing to obey the lane use signs and choosing the incorrect lane. Drivers wishing to turn left **must** be in the left (inside) lane before entering the roundabout.



Drivers in the right-hand lane are not allowed to turn left, they are required to exit the roundabout. Drivers in the left lane may exit or turn left.

Multiple signs and pavement markings on every approach remind drivers of the need to choose the proper lane. Failure to use the proper lane can result in a traffic ticket or a crash.

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