University driver training course participants have expressed their frustration by the rules to safely and legally maneuver through traffic circles in Canada or in other countries. Traffic laws pertaining to traffic circle and roundabouts in other provinces and foreign countries are similar to Alberta laws.

The Alberta Traffic Safety Act, Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation AR304/2002 states:

**Section 40**: Unless otherwise directed by a traffic control device, a person driving a vehicle that is travelling in a traffic circle shall yield the right of way to any other vehicle that in the circle and that is travelling to the left of that person’s vehicle.

This means that vehicles travelling in a traffic circle in the right lane SHALL yield to vehicles travelling in a traffic circle in the left lane. Drivers must remember to yield to the vehicles in the left lane when attempting movements through traffic circles in the right lane. In Alberta, yield signs are posted for both approach lanes. Drivers in approach lanes must yield to vehicles in the circle.

The example on the left depicts lane placement safe movement through traffic circles and intersections in Edmonton that have been converted from traffic circles.

Drivers intending to turn right should:
- approach the traffic circle in the blue lane
- signal right
- yield to pedestrians at the crosswalk and vehicles in the traffic circle
- when safe to proceed, continue the turn in the curb lane to first exit

Drivers who intend to exit on the second intersecting roadway:
- approach the traffic circle in the red or blue lane
- signal left
- yield to pedestrians at the crosswalk and vehicles in the traffic circle
- when safe to proceed, enter into the appropriate lane
- continue to signal left in the traffic circle
- signal right on exit
- do not change lanes while moving through the traffic circle or on exit

Drivers who intend to travel past the second exit:
- enter the traffic circle from the red lane
- signal left
- yield to pedestrians at the crosswalk and vehicles in the traffic circle
- when safe to proceed, enter the green lane
- continue to signal left while travelling through the traffic circle in the green lane
- signal right and maintain green lane position on exit

The photo above shows a calming device engineered to slow traffic flow through residential areas on roads that connect to major arteries or where traffic collision history indicates that drivers fail to stop or yield.
Drivers incorrectly assume that the above photo is a traffic circle and attempt left turns from the right lane causing collisions with vehicles intending to continue straight through in the left lane.

- Vehicles in the right lane are permitted to travel straight and turn right where permitted.
- Vehicles in the left lane are permitted to travel straight or turn left into either of two lanes.
- Vehicle movements are restricted by signs. The photo below shows another former traffic circle that has since been reconfigured to accommodate higher traffic volume.
- Road in the left lane may turn into either of two lanes to 87 Avenue and yield to vehicles travelling north on University Avenue.

Vehicles on Groat Road and University Avenue (shown as Saskatchewan Drive) have the right of way.

Yield signs are posted on lanes marked in yellow.

Vehicles travelling west on 87 Avenue in the left lane must yield to northbound traffic and when safe to proceed, enter the left northbound lane on Groat Road or cross Groat Road and, after stopping, proceed when safe onto University Avenue southbound.

Vehicles travelling west in the right lane must yield to northbound traffic and enter the right northbound lane on Groat Road or turn right onto Saskatchewan Drive.

Vehicles travelling south on Groat Road in the left lane may turn into either of two lanes to 87 Avenue and yield to vehicles travelling north on University Avenue.