

VOTE NO ON HB 164

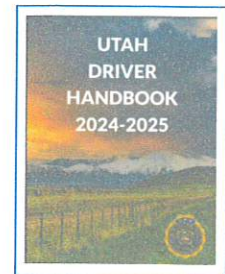
**All Drivers Have a Duty to Avoid Hitting
Other Cars, Objects or People
When They Have an Opportunity to Stop**

HB 164 is confusing and could be interpreted as a driver's right of way on a green signal is absolute. **It is not!**

UNDERSTAND UTAH LAWS:

The [Utah Drivers Handbook](#) discusses the rules of the road in pages 36-42 and states:

- While turning, perform a traffic check by looking for pedestrians and other objects. (Page 36)
- Do not rely on others to obey traffic signals or signs. They may not yield the right-of-way. Be prepared to avoid a crash. (Page 41)



Every Driver Has the Duty to Maintain Proper Look Out and Control of their Vehicle

It is understandably frustrating for a driver who is turning left on a green arrow to be found liable to some degree, but there are defenses available.

- For example, if the point of impact to the left turning vehicle was towards the rear of the vehicle, that would be a clear indication that there was little to no opportunity for the left turning vehicle to avoid the crash.
- However, the opposite would also be true, if the turning vehicle's front impacted toward the rear of the vehicle ignoring the traffic signal, that would indicate that there may have been an opportunity for the turning vehicle to avoid the crash.



**Even if you have the right of way, you still need
to avoid hitting another car, object or person.**