



A J-Turn, or reduced conflict intersection, is a u-turn type intersection installed on divided highways (expressways). A J-Turn requires vehicles on the side street intending to cross a divided highway or make a left turn onto the divided highway to use the u-turns installed in the divided highway median. Vehicles on the divided highway can still make a left turn or right turn at the intersection as normal.

The most common type of serious crash at a divided highway intersection is a right-angle (T-bone) crash on the far side of the intersection (as viewed from the perspective of the driver crossing the divided highway). Unfortunately, these crashes almost always result in serious injuries and even death. A traditional divided highway intersection has 30 conflict points of which eight (8) conflict points are right-angle type conflicts. A J-Turn has 24 conflict points and no right-angle type conflicts.

Source: St. Louis County, MN. <https://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/departments-a-z/public-works/traffic/intersections/j-turn-intersection#:~:text=A%20J%2DTurn%2C%20or%20reduced,in%20the%20divided%20highway%20median>

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