FAQ’s about the Reach in the Netherlands

1. Is Reach use in practice actually widespread? *Yes, this is the way it is taught to all driving pupils and it is tested at the exams.*

2.            Besides drivers manuals and training, is it also taught to school children, the passenger public? How and by whom?

*No, Normally parents have their children get out of the car at the right hand side and if this is not possible, they let their children only out of the car at the left hand side, if they have ensured that this is possible safely. The passenger public also tend to get out of the car at the right when parking alongside the road.*

3. Does it work: Are there studies which confirm its value? *We don’t know, there is no study because it has never been done any other way.*

4.           Has it ever been deliberately introduced to a naive culture outside of The Netherlands?  Has that been a success?  *No idea, but I get the impression that in countries like Denmark and Germany it is done in the same way.*

5. In NL, are there Reach teaching materials? *There are several Youtubes like :[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHUh8NCbv\_k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHUh8NCbv_k" \t "_blank)*

6.            What other people, organizations or agencies are identified and involved with this practice? *You might contact SWOV ([www.swov.nl](http://www.swov.nl/" \t "_blank))*

7.            Do the Dutch refer to the Reach by a specific term or descriptor, motto, or slogan?  *No. This is just common practice and there is actually no need to promote this in any special way. There will be some new activities this and next year because there are still some dooring incidents.*

8.            Does it have a known or mythic history or actual inventor? *No.* *We consider this just as common sense and if I ask people around me about this, the common reaction is: are we doing anything special? It is just as common as that nobody will try to park the car on the middle of the road. The big difference between the USA and the Netherlands is, that in the Netherlands the chances are more than half that you hit a bicycle when recklessly opening the door of the car.*

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