

ABOUT THE NHVR

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is Australia's regulator for heavy vehicles over 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass.

We administer the Heavy Vehicle National Law* to facilitate a safe, efficient and productive heavy vehicle industry serving the needs of Australia.

As a regulator, we deliver a comprehensive range of services to reduce duplication and inconsistencies in heavy vehicle laws across state and territory borders.

We work in partnership with all states and territories, industry and local governments to help build a strong safety culture across the heavy vehicle supply chain.

Join us to promote safety by sharing the We Need Space to Keep You Safe videos, posters and fact sheets with your friends and family. Let's all give Australia's truck drivers the space they need to keep us safe.

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*the HVNL does not apply in WA and NT.

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Don't overtake a turning truck

Trucks and other vehicles over 7.5 metres long that have a DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE sign on the back are legally allowed to take up more than one lane to turn at corners, intersections and roundabouts.

They can even use a right turn only lane to turn left or a left turn only lane to turn right.

So whether you're turning left, right or you're at a roundabout, don't drive past or overtake a turning truck until you're absolutely sure it's safe to do so. This is an Australian Road Rule.*

* Australian Road Rules – Reg 143

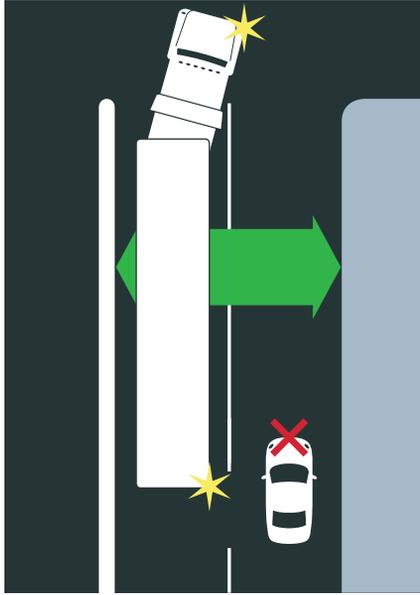


For more tips on how to drive safely around trucks, visit www.weneedspace.com.au
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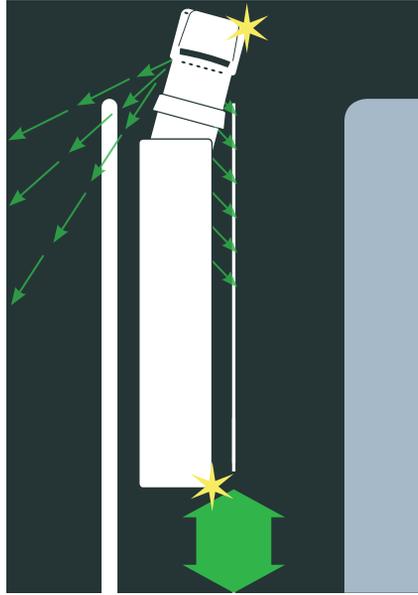


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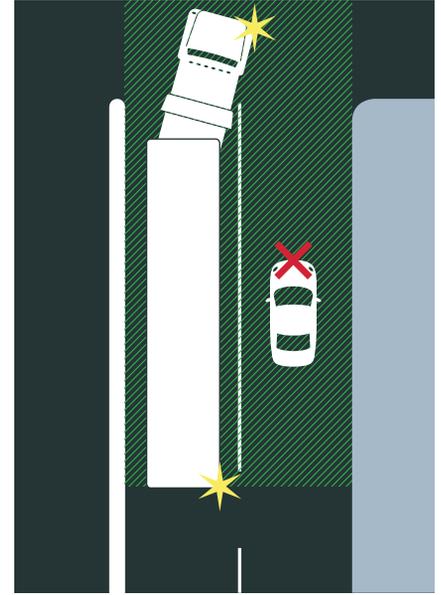
Why shouldn't you overtake a turning truck?



Trucks' front and back wheels are so far apart, they often need to swing wide when they turn. They may need to use two or more lanes. They'll start to move across towards their turning lane as soon as they can to let you know you need to give them space.



Once the truck starts to turn, its mirrors will no longer be directed at the road behind. The driver won't be able to see you, even if you're a safe following distance away.



If you move into the space inside the turning truck, you may get hit. It might look like there's plenty of room, but the gap will close quickly once the truck starts to turn.

What should you do if a truck indicates to turn?



Give the truck driver the space they need to make the turn. Even if it looks like the left or right turn lane is vacant, hang back so they can see you and you're out of harm's way.



Be patient. Wait until the truck has completed its turn before you continue on your way.



If a truck is turning into the road you're in, stay well back from the intersection to give the driver more road space.