

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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4 SECONDS



WE NEED **SPACE**
TO KEEP YOU **SAFE**

Overtake trucks safely

It's easy to become frustrated when you're 'stuck' behind a truck going uphill or there aren't many passing opportunities. Don't be tempted to take a massive risk to get to your destination just that tiny bit earlier. If you try to overtake at the wrong time, you may not get there at all.

Be patient. If you're on a single-carriageway road, wait for an overtaking lane wherever you can. If there's no overtaking lane, wait for a long, straight stretch of road with a clear view ahead. Never try to overtake on a curve or hill, or when you can't see past the truck, even if it's moving slowly.

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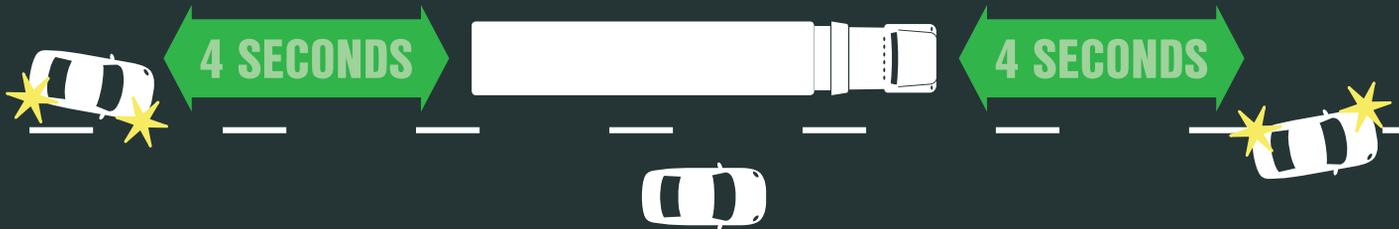


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1 Maintain a safe following distance

2 Don't linger by the truck

3 Don't cut in front of the truck



That's at least four seconds behind the truck; more if the weather's bad or it's dark. It's twice as much as for a car. Staying this far back means you're more likely to see oncoming traffic. You also won't run into the back of the truck if it has to brake suddenly.

Once you're sure it's safe to pass, first check no one is trying to overtake you. Then indicate and pass as quickly as it's safe to do so without breaking the speed limit.

Don't pull back in until you can see both of the truck's headlights in your rear-view mirror and maintain your speed until you're a good four seconds in front of the truck. That way you won't force the driver to slow down or brake hard.

Source: 4-second following distance. www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/rules/road/distances