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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.

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1 Maintain a safe following distance

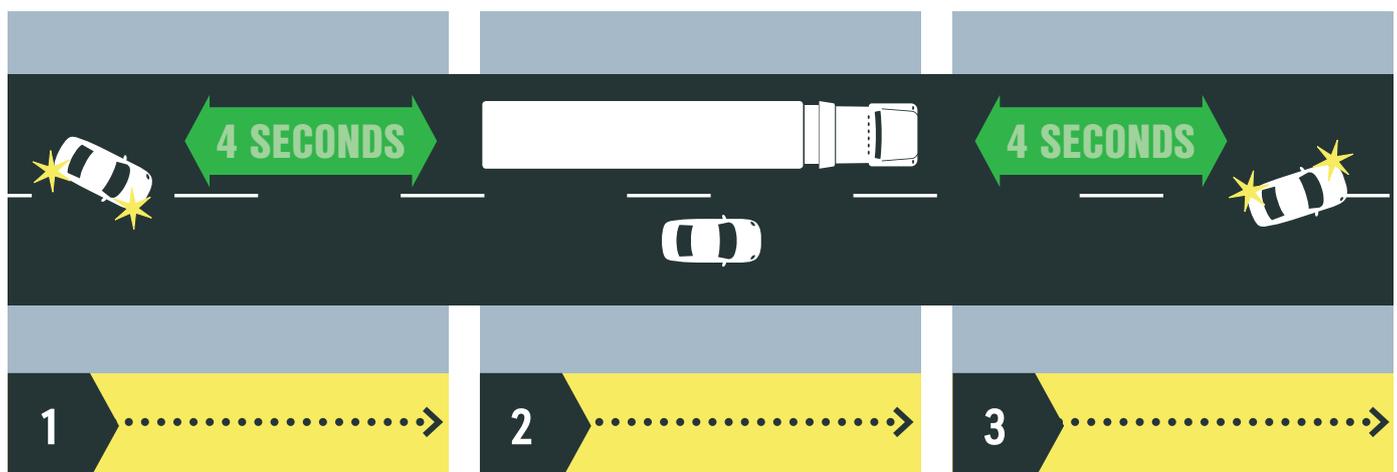
That's at least four seconds behind the truck; more if the weather's bad or it's dark. It's twice as much as for a car. Staying this far back means you're more likely to see oncoming traffic. You also won't run into the back of the truck if it has to brake suddenly.

2 Don't linger by the truck

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.

3 Don't cut in front of the truck

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