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HOW TO STAY OUT OF TRUCK BLIND SPOTS

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, the Coles Group and its supply chain partners have joined forces to help make Australia's roads safer for all users.

Turn over to learn how to safely overtake heavy vehicles, and visit weneedspace.com.au to hear from truck drivers why they need space to keep you safe.

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Trucks may be higher off the road than cars and have bigger mirrors, but that doesn't mean their drivers have a better view of what's going on around them. Trucks actually have much bigger blind spots than cars.

If you're in a truck's blind spot, the driver won't know you're there. So if they suddenly have to brake or change lanes, you're at risk of a collision.

Learn where a truck's blind spots are, don't linger beside a truck, and give truck drivers the space they need to keep you and everyone else on the road safe.

1 Learn where the blind spots are

Trucks have four blind spots:

- immediately in front of the truck
- beside the driver's door
- directly behind the truck
- on the passenger's side, from the door extending out across three lanes along the length of the truck.

If you have to drive through these areas to pass a truck, make sure you're far enough behind for the truck driver to see you, indicate early, and then pass as quickly as it's safe to do so without breaking the speed limit.



2 If you can't see my mirrors I can't see you

Truck drivers rely on their side mirrors to see what's happening around them. If you can't see a truck's mirrors, you're most likely in a blind spot and therefore 'invisible'.

If the driver has to take evasive action to avoid a potential incident, they may collide with you. Be patient and keep a safe following distance.

3 Watch for signals

When you're driving close behind a truck in slower traffic, not only can the truck driver not see you, but you can't see what's happening up ahead.

Watch for the truck's indicators and brake lights, so you're ready to slow down if the truck turns, slows or stops.