

# Overtaking

## **When/Where to overtake**

Safe

Hills, bends, junctions, etc.....

Vehicle to be overtaken not turning or moving out

Legal

Signs, road markings, only on right (exceptions)

Necessary

Exiting next junction, heavy traffic, same speed, etc.....

## **Time taken to overtake**

40 mph overtaking 30 mph - 200 Metres

70 mph overtaking 60 mph - over ½ Mile

## **Mirrors**

Assess speed and distance of following traffic

Locate suitable "slot" to move into (dual carriageways)

## **Position**

Stay back at least 4 seconds while waiting to overtake

Better vision

More time and space to accelerate to:-

Same speed as outside lane

Briskly overtake

## **Signal**

Always signal before overtaking a moving vehicle

Don't signal when:-

Another vehicle is just about to overtake you

There is no "slot" to move into

## **Mirrors**

Final check

## **Blindspot**

Check over right shoulder

## **Manoeuvre**

Move out positively but gradually at 2 second distance

Accelerate to speed limit (if safe)

## **Clearance**

Centre of right lane (dual carriageways), or at least 1 metre

## **Return to left lane**

Dual carriageway

Wait to see headlights of overtaken vehicle in centre mirror

Signal if necessary

Can stay in overtaking lane if still catching other vehicles and no vehicles approaching from behind