

How to Overtake Safely on the Road

1 When not to overtake



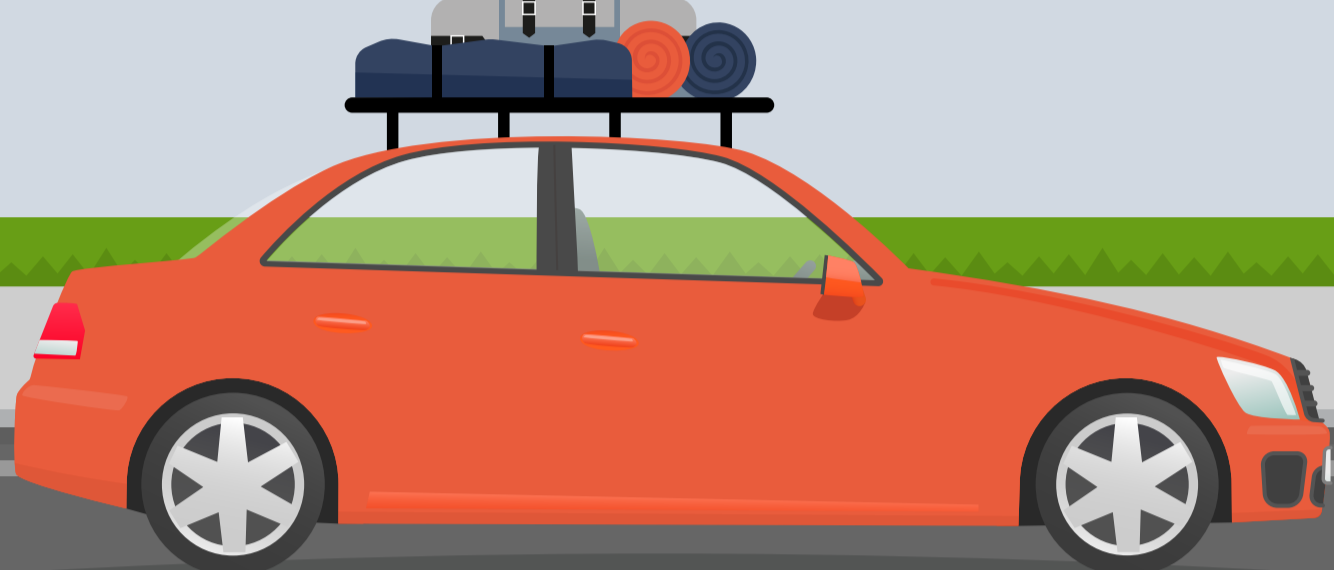
When driving on single-lane roads, when road signs state it's not allowed, during adverse weather conditions (such as fog and heavy rain), when you don't have a clear view of the road ahead, when there are approaching potential hazards and if the vehicle in front is indicating right.

2 Utilise your mirrors



You should always use your mirrors when overtaking. You should check ahead of you in the oncoming lane, blind spots and behind you before conducting an overtaking manoeuvre.

3 Consider your car's performance



If your car is carrying more weight than usual, such as passengers or luggage, it won't be able to perform exactly the same as usual, so be sure to consider this before attempting to overtake.

4 Accelerate assertively



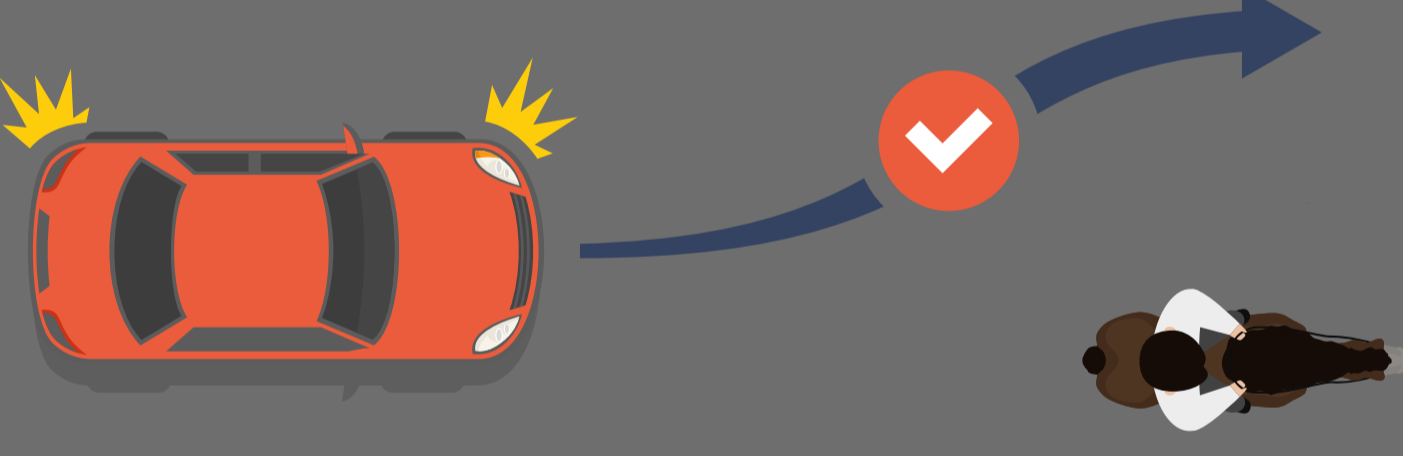
Be sure to accelerate assertively, confidently and get the move done as quickly as you can. Never be tentative when overtaking, it's dangerous to be timid and pull out of the manoeuvre halfway through.

5 How to overtake a cyclist



Provide more space than you would with a car and, as with any overtaking manoeuvre, only attempt the move when it's safe to do so.

6 How to overtake a horse rider



Turning down or off your car's radio, don't rev the car's engine and avoid honking your horn so as not to spook the horse.

7 Don't follow other vehicles to overtake



Just because it's safe for one vehicle to overtake, it does not mean that there is enough space or time for two and you should always make the judgement yourself.

8 Assess the speed of the vehicle ahead



Just because it was driving slowly when you started thinking about overtaking it, it doesn't mean it's continued at that speed.

9 Never speed to overtake



While a little acceleration is required to overtake a vehicle, if it requires you to break the speed limit then you should never do it.

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