

Overtaking

When/Where to overtake

Safe – Hills, bends, junctions etc. Vehicles 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 - 40MPH overtaking 30MPH – 200 Meters 60MPH overtaking 70MPH – over ½ Mile

Mirrors - Assess speed/distance of following traffic locate suitable “slot” to move into (dual carriageways).

Position - Stay back at least 4 secs while waiting to overtake – better vision!

Time to accelerate to: - same speed as outside lane briskly overtake

Signal - Always signal before overtaking moving vehicle DONT signal when another vehicle is about to overtake OR there is no “slot” to move into

Mirrors – Final check

Blind spot – Check over right shoulder

Manoeuvre – Move out positively but gradually at 2 secs distance accelerate to speed limit (if safe).

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

Return to left lane – Always signal single carriageway ASAP do NOT cut into overtaken vehicle Dual carriageway when you can see overtaken vehicle in centre mirror can stay out if in line of slow traffic