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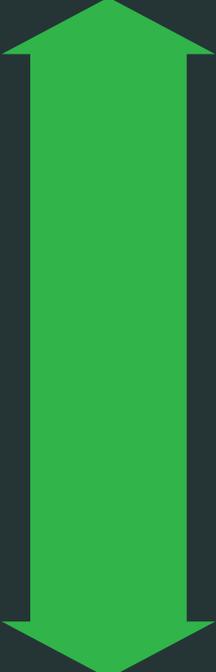
## **OVERTAKE TRUCKS SAFELY**

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.

For more tips on how to drive safely around trucks, visit  
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## 1 > Maintain a safe following distance

That's at least two seconds behind the truck; more if the weather's bad or it's dark. Staying this far back means you're more likely to see oncoming traffic and overtaking opportunities. Remember, some trucks are so long you may need as much as five kilometres to overtake them.

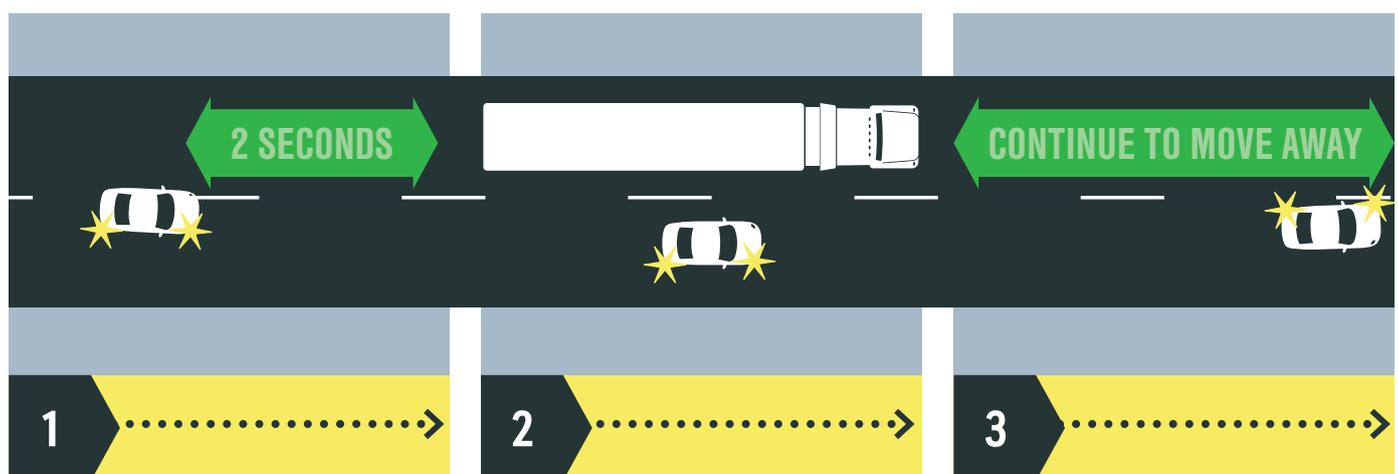
## 2 > Don't linger by the truck

When it looks like it's safe to pass, start to close the gap, then indicate and pass as quickly as possible without breaking the speed limit. If you linger by the truck, you may be in their blind spot.

## 3 > Don't cut in front of the truck

Maintain your speed and only pull back in when you can see both the truck's headlights in your rear-view mirror.

Always allow plenty of time when you overtake, so you don't have to cut in suddenly and cause trucks to brake hard or swerve off the road.



Source: 4-second following distance. [www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/rules/road/distances](http://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/rules/road/distances)