

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

40MPH overtaking 30MPH - 200 Metres

60MPH overtaking 70 MPH - 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

Don't signal when:-

another vehicle is just about to overtake

there is no “slot” to move into

Mirrors - Final check

Blindspot - Check over right shoulder

Maneuver

Move out positively but gradually at 2 sec 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 CENTER mirror

Can stay out if line of slow traffic

