

## TOLERANCE AND COURTESY

## **SAFETY FIRST**

As a driver you need to be careful, alert and considerate at all times. You have to work hard to ensure that your mood and emotions do not impact the way you behave behind the wheel of the car or as a passenger.

Even when another driver acts aggressively towards you, it's best to remain tolerant, courteous and calm.

2 What could you do to keep calm in difficult driving situations? (eg take several deep breaths, remove distractions etc)



Observe your driver and other drivers showing tolerance and courtesy. This is what you can look for.

- Letting other drivers merge into traffic queues and giving them space to do this.
- Leaving a gap when traffic is banked across an intersection.
- Keeping left.
- Leaving a gap between cars. No tailgating.
- Allowing buses to enter back into the traffic flow.
- Remaining calm when another driver has made an error.
- Anticipating errors and constantly adjusting speed.
- Allowing cyclists to share the road.
- Giving way to pedestrians.
- Making way for emergency vehicles.

3 In WA the government is sending a strong message about shared responsibility on the road and that anti-social behaviour or 'hooning' will not be tolerated. Drivers doing burnouts, racing another vehicle or driving 45km/h or more over the speed limit can have their vehicle impounded.

Why do you think that some people believe 'hooning' is okay?

## ASK YOUR DRIVER TO SHARE WITH YOU...

- How they show tolerance and courtesy to other drivers.
- What they do to stay calm when other drivers act unsafely or aggressively.
- Why they choose not to drive when upset or angry.

## STOP & THINK

1 Describe some of the examples of tolerance and courtesy you saw during your on-road task.

What would you do if you were in the car and the driver started 'hooning'?

Check out the following for more information about sharing the road with all road users. **Road Safety Commission** Might be a mate (Sharing the road safely with cyclists) <u>https://www.rsc.wa.gov.au/Campaigns/Mightbe-a-Mate</u>

Must be a metre (New law 30 Nov 2018 – Cycling passing distance legislation) <u>https://www.rsc.wa.gov.au/Campaigns/Must-</u> be-a-metre

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