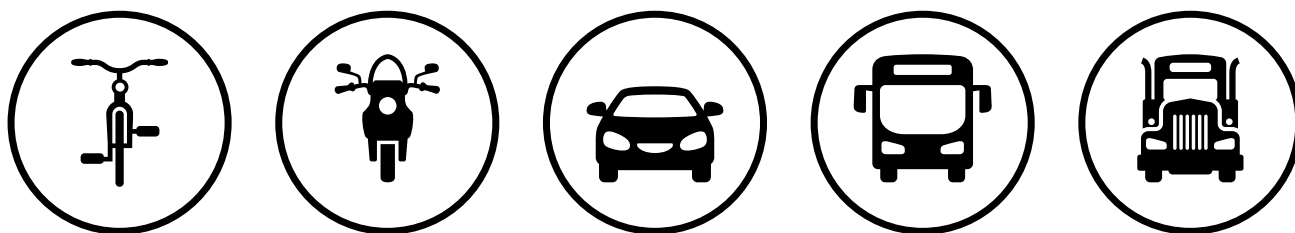


SHARING THE ROAD



In the very near future you may be supervising a young person learning to drive. However, their learning has already started as they watch you drive and interact in the traffic environment with all different types of road users.



Remember to model the behaviours below and use 'commentary driving' to explain the driving skills you are using to interact safely and courteously with other road users.



When it is safe to do so, use commentary driving to explain your driving decisions and what you are observing.

SAFETY FIRST

- ✓ Always ensure you and all of your passengers are wearing a seatbelt.
- ✓ Minimise distractions and turn off your mobile phone.
- ✓ Keep a minimum of a 2-second gap from the vehicle in front.
- ✓ Never exceed the speed limit – it takes longer to stop than you might think.
- ✓ Don't drive tired.
- ✓ Do not drive after drinking or taking drugs.

DRIVE SLOWLY AND SENSIBLY
NEAR ALL ROAD USERS

- ✓ Watch out for pedestrians and slow down if you see people by the side of the road or children playing near the road.
- ✓ Watch out for mobility scooters and cyclists at intersections and roundabouts.
- ✓ Drive slowly in residential streets sticking to the posted speed limit.
- ✓ Explain how different driving conditions impact on driving decisions.

BE PATIENT AND CALM AROUND CYCLISTS

- ✓ Be patient and give cyclists a clearance of at least one metre when passing them, more if travelling over 60km/h. If this clearance is not possible do not overtake until it is safe to do so. After overtaking, make sure you are well clear of the bicycle before moving back.
- ✓ Do not drive in bicycle lanes and always give way to cyclists in bicycle lanes if you are turning across the lane.
- ✓ Indicate when pulling out, changing lanes or turning so cyclists know your intentions.

DRIVING IN HARMONY WITH TRUCKS

- It's dangerous to cut into a gap in front of a moving truck because they need almost twice as much room to brake as a car.
- A truck is longer than a car, so you'll need more road to pass a moving truck.
- Trucks need more room than cars do to get around corners so do not overtake a 'turning vehicle'. Trucks can legally turn from the centre lane.
- Remember, if you can't see the driver's face in their mirrors, they can't see you.



Remember, talk to your young person explaining the hazards you see and how you are adapting your driving behaviour to remain safe.



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