

# ROAD SAFETY TIPS

## FOR TOURING DURING THE WINTER

### WHEN OVERTAKING



**Step 1:** Keep your lights on so you can be clearly seen, especially in dusty or overcast conditions.

**Step 2:** Be patient. Passing a road train can take as long as 60 seconds. Make sure you have maximum visibility and nothing is coming in the other direction.





Step 3: Position your vehicle so you can see any oncoming traffic and so the road train driver can see you.

Step 4: If you want to pass, keep your right hand blinker on to let the truckie know.





**Step 5:** Use your UHF radio to call through on Channel 40. Identify the truck and the direction and ask if it is clear to pass.

Step 6: When it's clear accelerate at a safe and consistent speed and pass.





Step 7: Be aware of your speed when you've completed your overtaking manoeuvre. Road trains need plenty of room to come to a stop.

**Step 8:** Be aware of everyone around you and remember it's always good to acknowledge when people do the right things with a wave and a smile.





This is how many car and caravan lengths road trains travelling at 100km/h need to stop

#### WHEN BEING OVERTAKEN

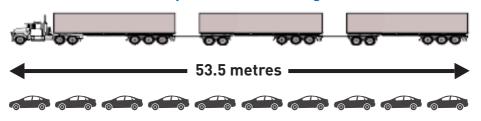
**Step 1:** If you're travelling close together with other caravans leave at least 100 metres between you and the caravan in front. Truck drivers need room to pull in after their overtaking manoeuvre.

**Step 2:** If you are about to be overtaken by a road train maintain a consistent speed, don't break or slowdown, and definitely don't speed up.

**Step 3:** Road trains can be over 50 metres so let the driver know when he can pull in after his overtaking manoeuvre with a flash of your headlights.

**Step 4:** It's about everyone doing the right thing on our roads. By understanding what to do, being patient and being courteous we'll all arrive at our destination safely.

# Road trains can be up to 53.5 metres long - that equates to 10 car lengths!



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