

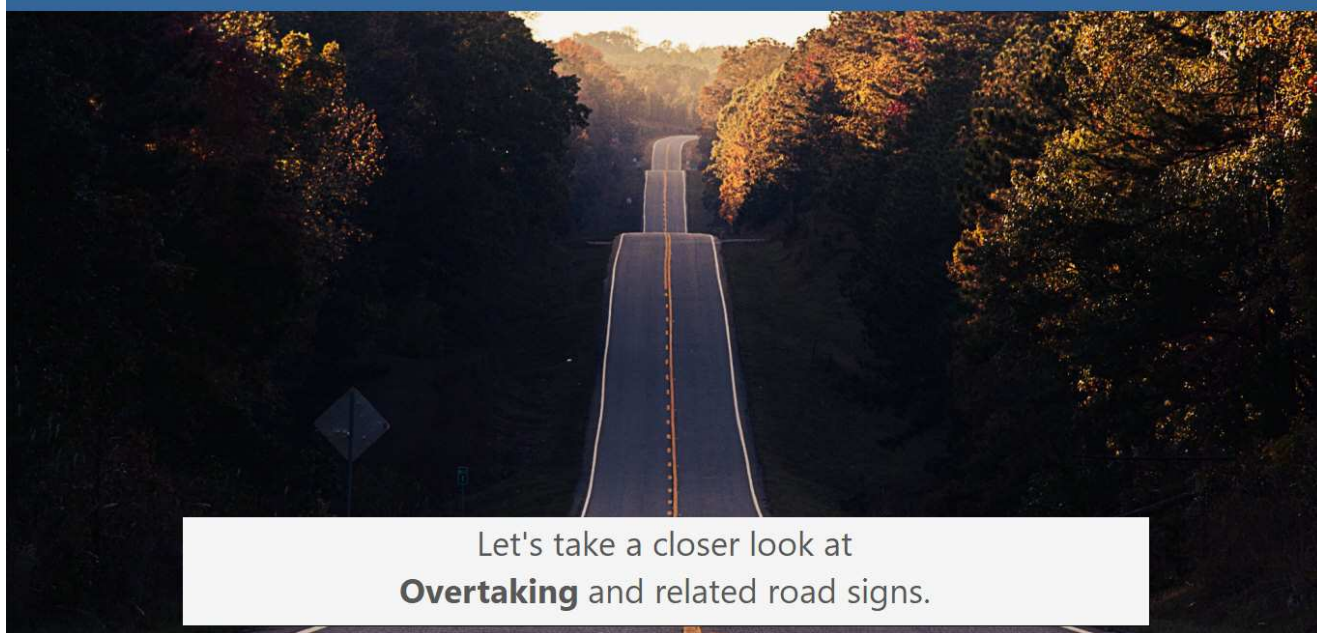
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Welcome to this **Perfect Driver** course. Throughout this course, we are going to look at the law, skills, techniques, and ideas to help you become a better, and safer driver.

In this lesson, we'll look at **Overtaking**.

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Let's take a closer look at
Overtaking and related road signs.

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Overtaking is the process of moving past a slower car that is travelling in front of you. In order to perform overtaking, you may need to temporarily cross into the oncoming traffic lane to move past the slower car. Hence, it can be dangerous, so let us look at the ways you can make it safer.

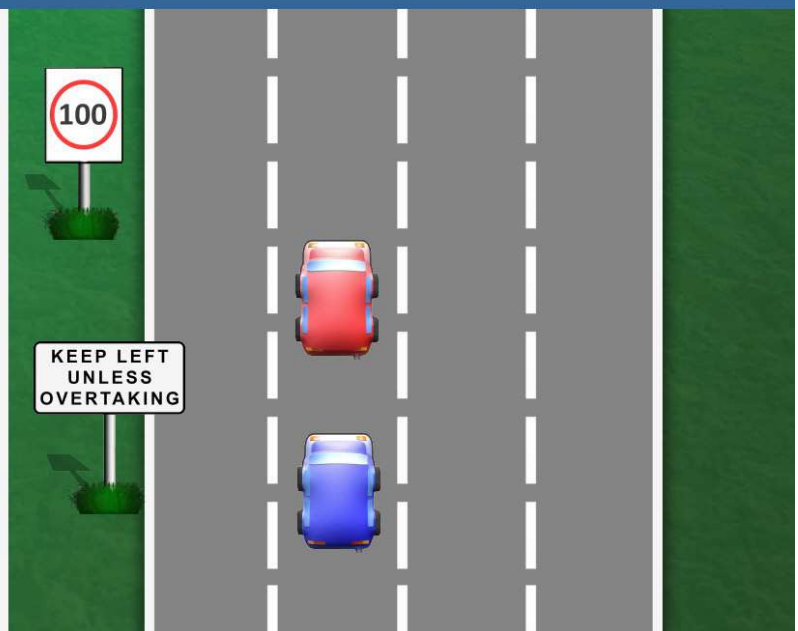


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When on a multi-lane highway, where the speed limit is more than 80km/h, you must not drive in the right-hand lane unless you are:

- Overtaking.
- About to Turn Right.
- About to Perform a Legal U-Turn.
- Avoiding an Obstacle.

The same rules apply if a **Keep Left Unless Overtaking** sign appears - regardless of the speed limit.



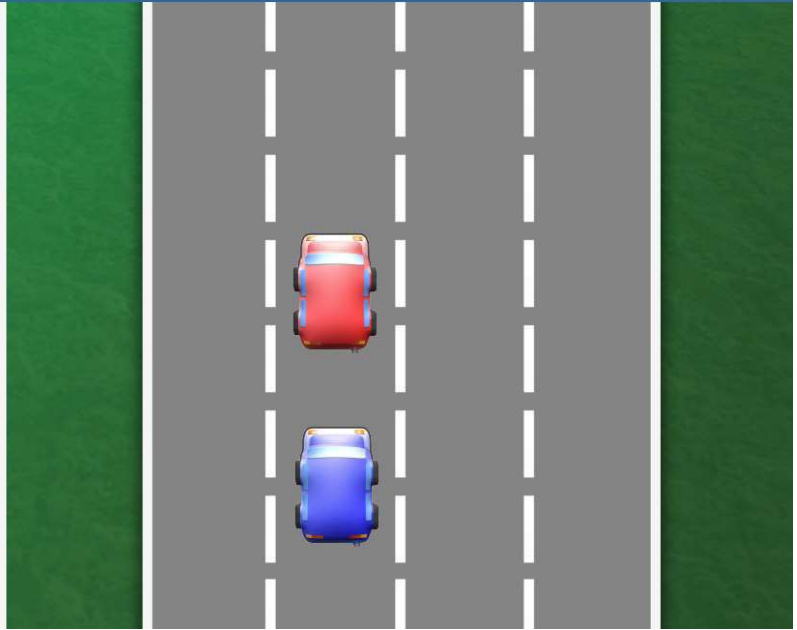
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Pictured here is a four lane highway, where all four lanes are going in the same direction.

Overtaking in a situation like this is generally a simpler affair, as there is no chance of running into oncoming traffic.

In this case, the blue car will overtake the red car.

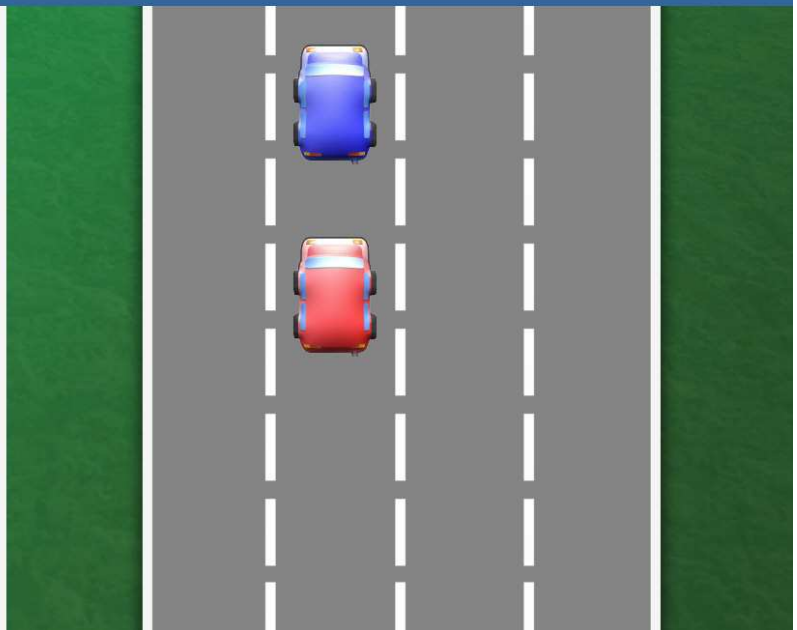


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The overtaking process is quite simple under these circumstances (where there is no oncoming traffic):

- Look ahead to check there are no obstacles in your lane, or the lane to the right.
- Turn on your right indicator to show your intention to change lanes.
- Change into the lane onto the right, and accelerate to move past the red car.
- Once sufficiently passed the red car, turn on the left indicator, and move back to the left lane.

At no stage are you allowed to exceed the speed limit for the road you are on.

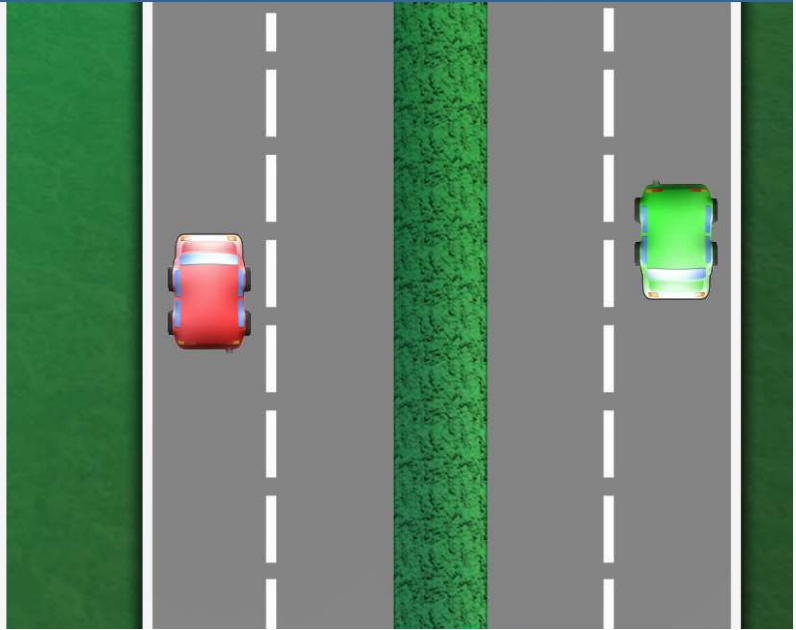


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Here, we are looking at a divided road. A divided road describes a road where traffic travelling in opposite directions travel on roads that are separated by some kind of barrier - hence the term divided road.

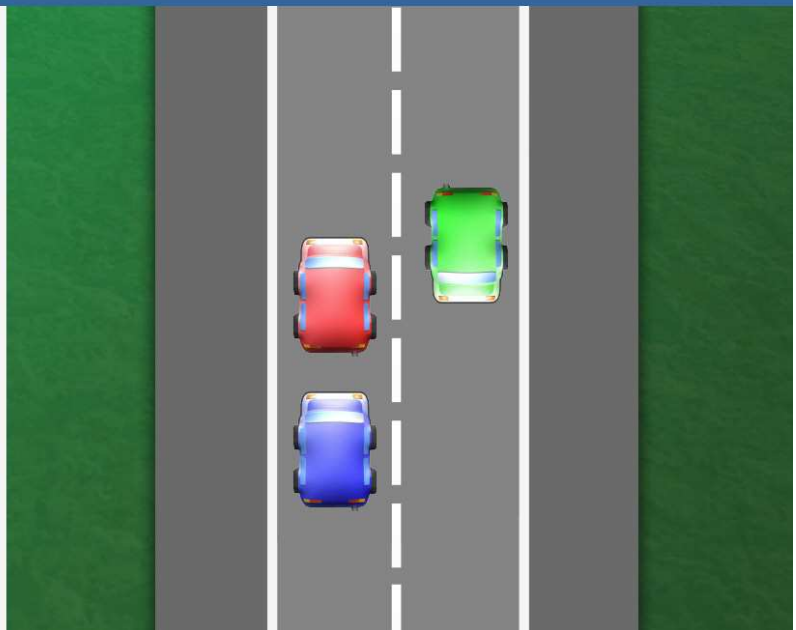
On this sort of road, the overtaking process is as we just looked at - and much simpler because there is no oncoming traffic to worry about.



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OK. So let's look at the overtaking process on a normal road, where traffic flows in both directions. In this case, overtaking is a little trickier, as we have to move into the oncoming traffic lane to complete the overtaking process.

The first step in overtaking in these circumstances is to check the road ahead. Ensure that the road is clear of oncoming traffic and other obstacles for at least the distance required to complete the overtaking.



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Here is an example of where it would be unsafe to overtake another car. The driver in the blue car wants to overtake the red car.

In this example, the road ahead follows some curves. This makes it almost impossible to determine if there is any oncoming traffic.

In this case, the blue car is going to have to wait. It cannot overtake on this stretch of road. It is too dangerous.



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Where overtaking may be dangerous, you may see signs as displayed here, explaining that **NO OVERTAKING OR PASSING** can be performed on the current stretch of road.

In this case, the blue car is going to have to wait. It cannot overtake on this stretch of road. It is dangerous and illegal.

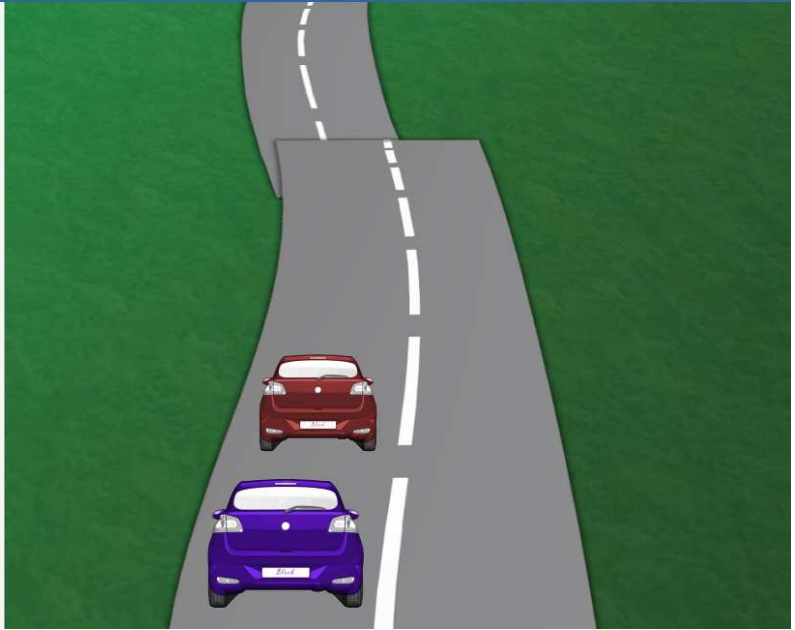


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Here, the road ahead dips out of view. Like a curvy or bending road, this makes it impossible to get a clear view of any oncoming traffic.

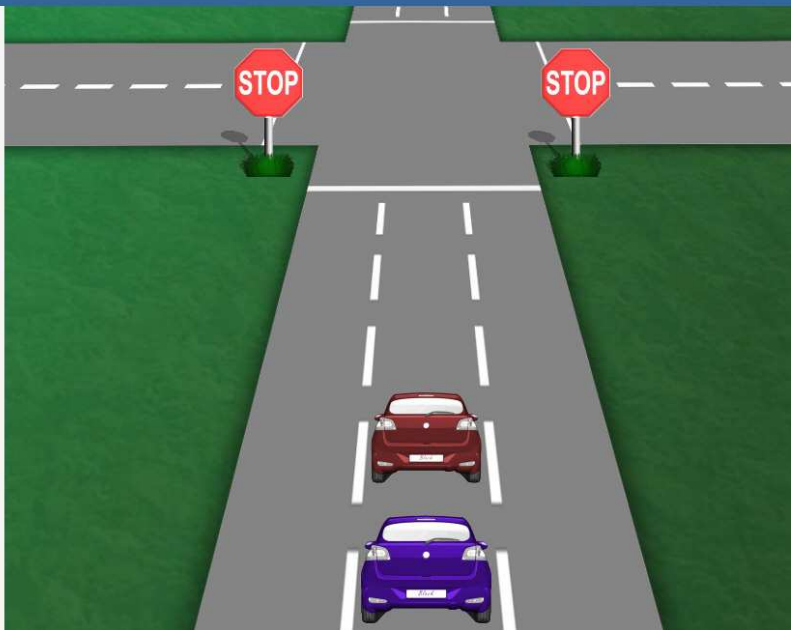
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If, up ahead, there is an obstacle, you cannot overtake. In this case, there is an intersection up ahead.

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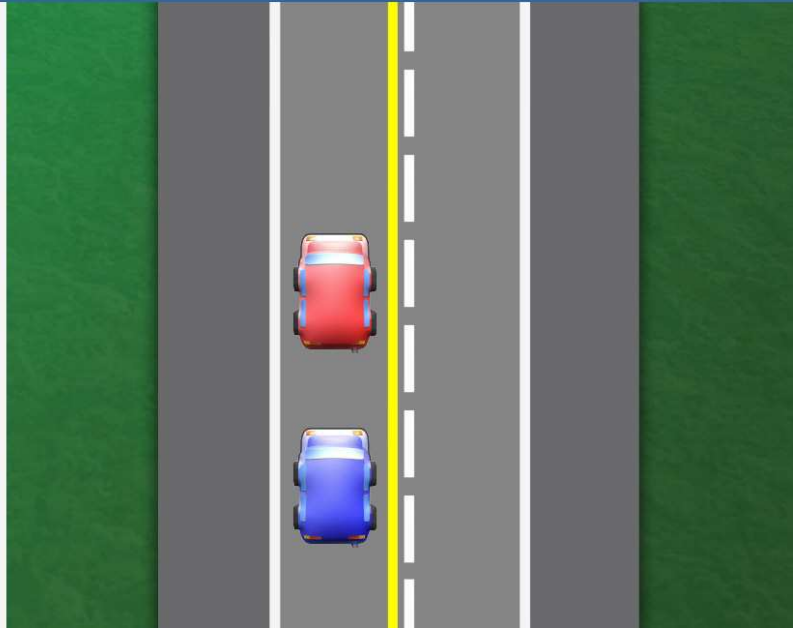


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Here, there is a yellow, unbroken line on the side of the road facing the blue car.

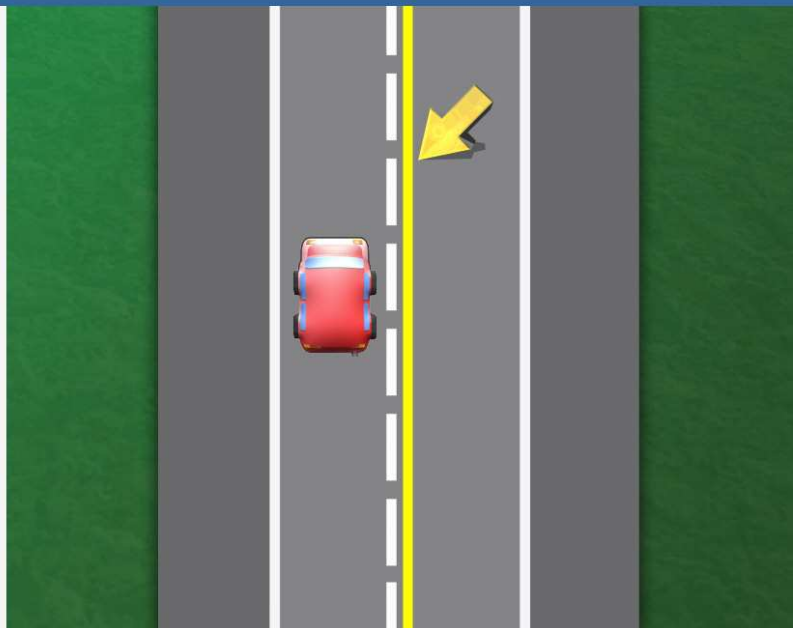
No car is allowed to cross unbroken lines to overtake, so the overtaking cannot take place when this yellow line is positioned as you can see here.



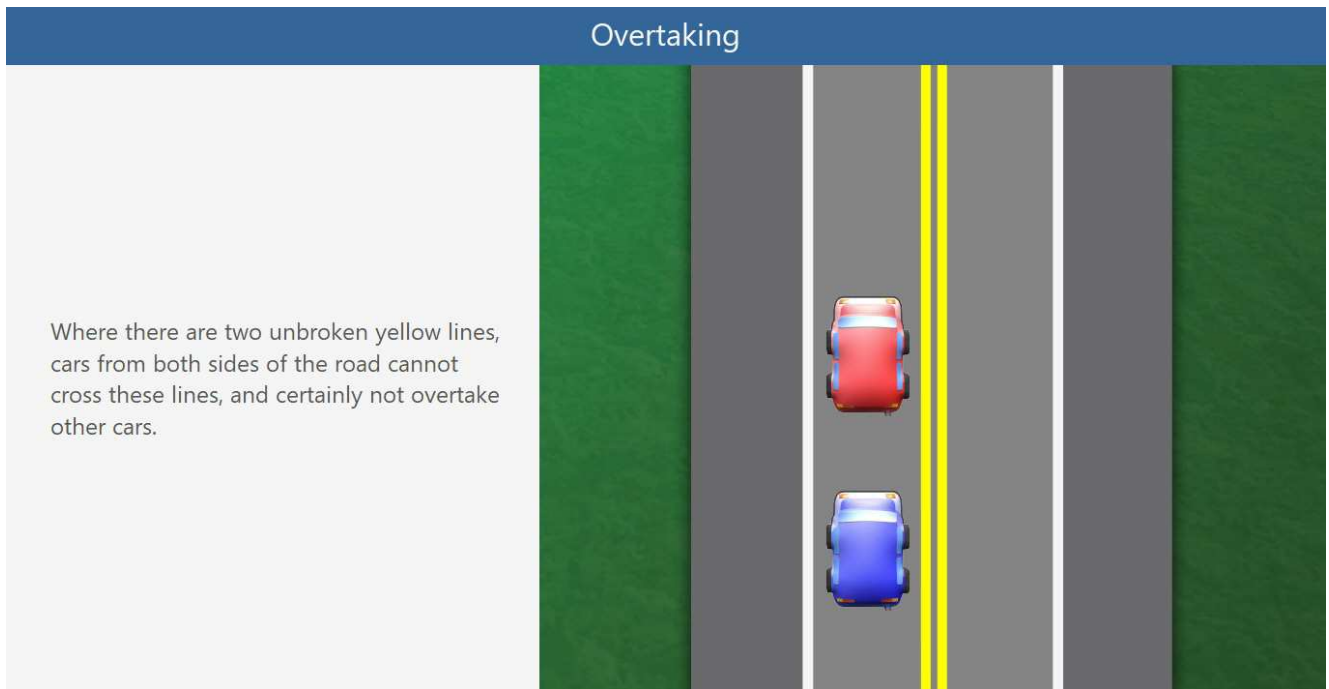
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Here, the unbroken yellow line appears on the other side of the white dotted line. In this case, the yellow line is for the traffic travelling in the other direction - indicating that they cannot currently overtake.

However, as a broken white line appears on this side of the yellow line, the blue car can overtake the red car in this instance.



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So let's say the blue car driver is finally ready to overtake, having checked everything.

On the next step, he will perform the overtaking manoeuvre.



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As before, the driver of the blue car:

- Confirms the road ahead is clear.
- Puts the right indicator on.
- Moves into the right lane, and accelerates past the red car.
- Puts the left indicator on.
- Moves back into the original lane.

At no stage does the driver of the blue car exceed the speed limit.



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When pulling in back into your original lane, it is illegal to pull in too closely in front the car you have just overtaken.

Here, the blue car illustrates what you should not do - moving back into your original lane too soon.



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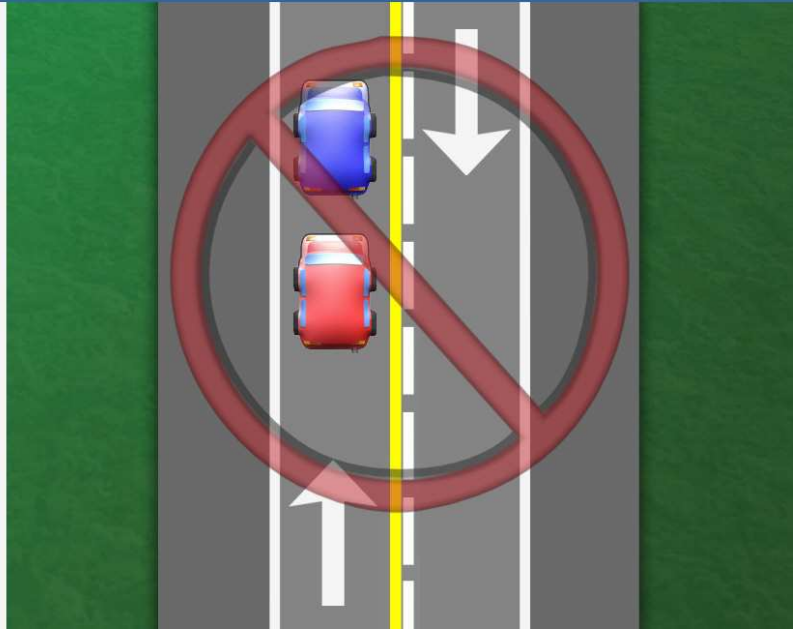
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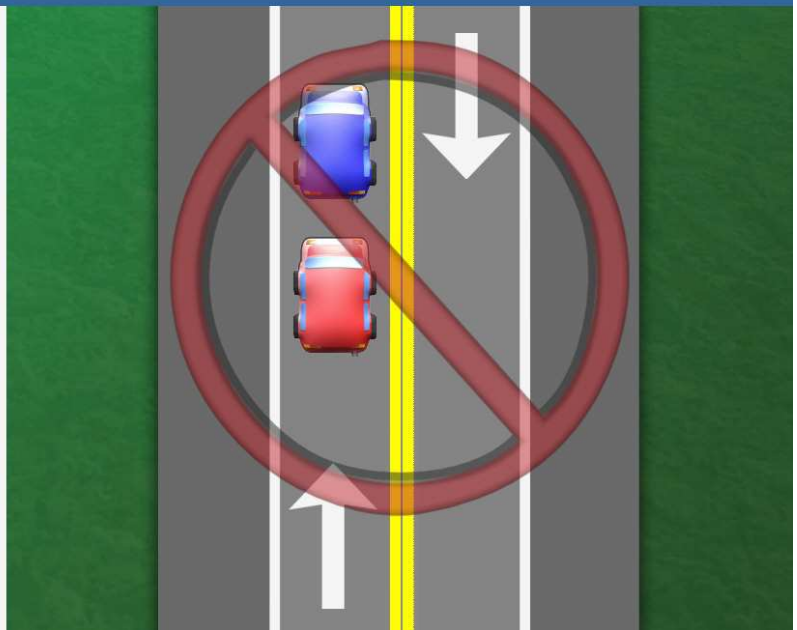
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The U-Turn that the blue car performs here is **illegal**, because the unbroken yellow line is facing the blue car.

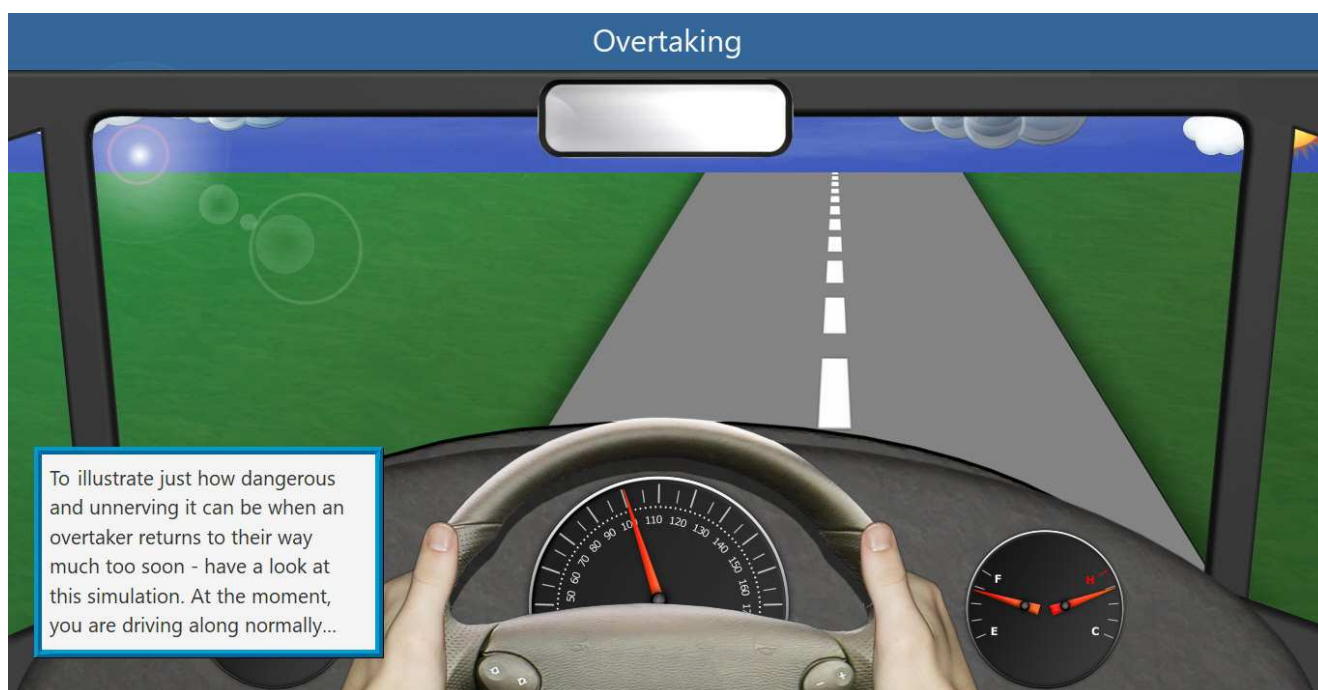


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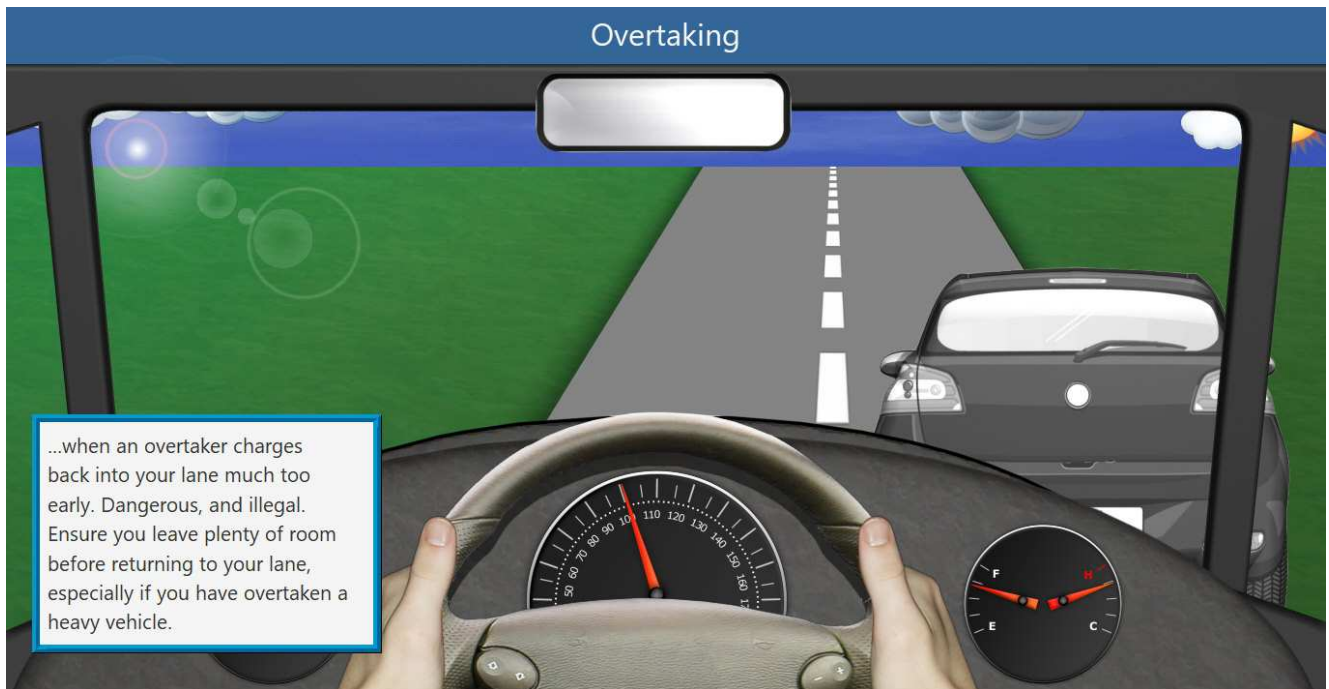
The U-Turn that the blue car completes here is **illegal**, because there are two unbroken yellow lines in the centre of the road.



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The road in this image is an example of somewhere where overtaking is dangerous. It is impossible to get a view around the corners.



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This road appears a much safer place to overtake - there are no yellow lines, the road is straight and level, and you can see oncoming traffic from a long way away.



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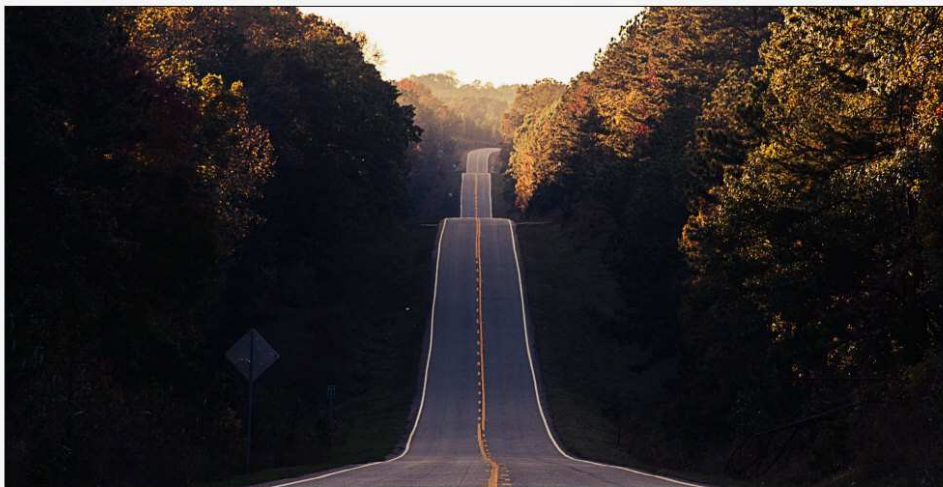
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Quite apart from the unbroken yellow lines which prevents overtaking, the reason is quite clear - you cannot see around corners.



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The road in this image is another example of where overtaking is dangerous. Oncoming traffic may be hidden in the dips in the road.



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Although this road seems to show a good view for overtaking, note that it is actually a hill - and you can't see what is coming from behind the indicated point.



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SUMMARY

A summary of what we've discussed in relation to **Overtaking**:

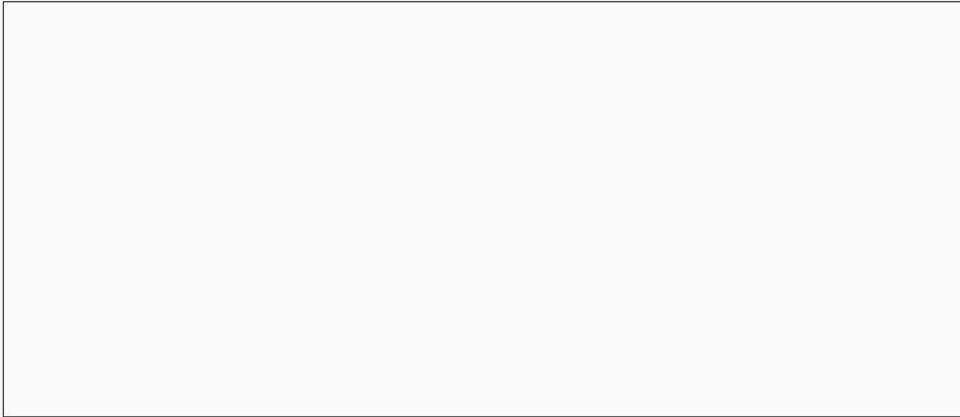
- When you can overtake.
- Overtaking and lane markers.
- Overtaking on freeways.
- Overtaking on divided roads.
- Care when overtaking.
- When you cannot overtake.
- When you should not overtake.

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