

Patience

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 **Patience**.

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Let's take a closer look at
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The most important skill any driver can have is patience. It is one skill above all others that allows you to drive in a way that will keep you, your passengers, and other road users alive and well.

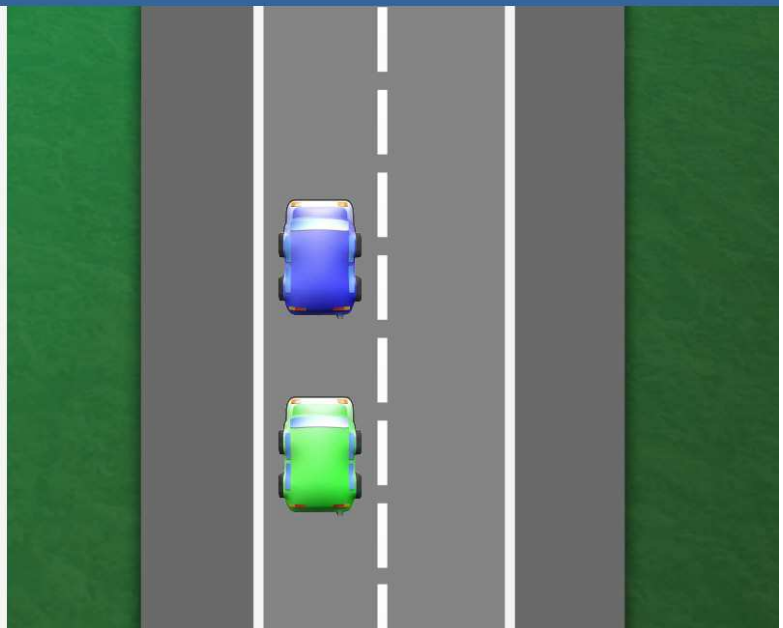


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Three Second Rule. Impatient, bad mannered, and dangerous drivers tailgate. This is when you travel too closely to the car in front of you.

You need to keep at least three seconds travel time between you and the car in front, and we cover this in detail in the **Three Second Rule** lesson.

Following someone too closely will not get you anywhere more quickly - except perhaps the hospital.

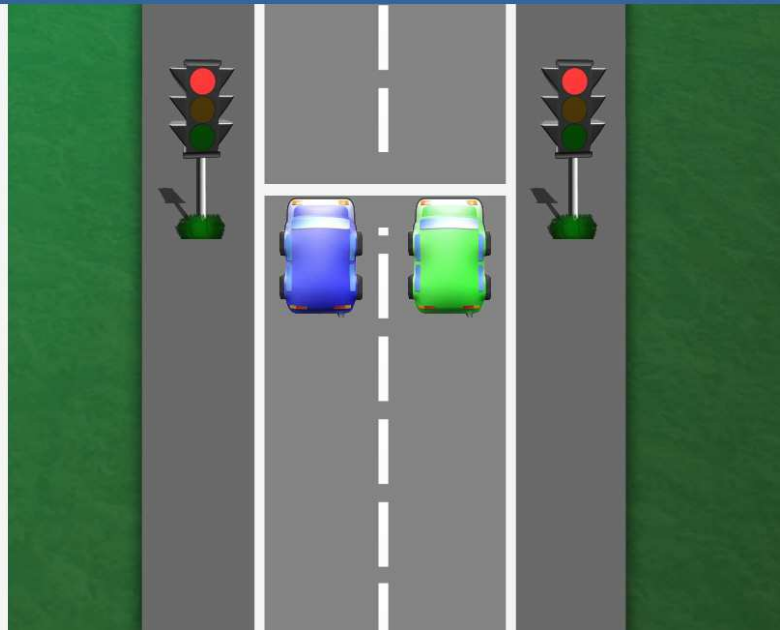


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Running Red Lights. Drivers in a hurry - impatient drivers - are more likely to run red traffic lights.

In this animation, the green car decides to keep driving as the light is amber, and by the time they get to the lights, the lights are red. The blue car decides to stop safely.

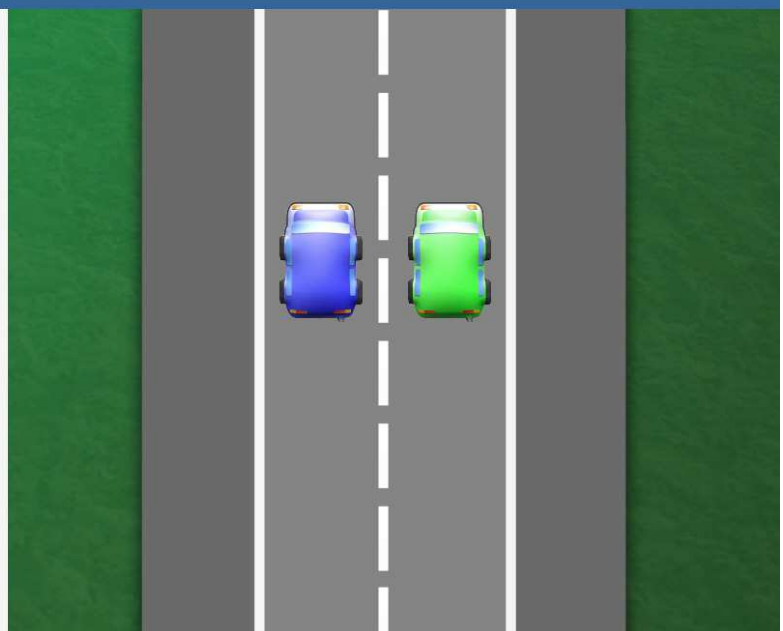
The behaviour of the green car puts everyone at risk. Themselves, their passengers, and other road users.



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Speeding. Speeding, of course, is dangerous. We've several lessons in this course that illustrate just how dangerous speeding is. It is one of the main causes of all accidents on the road.

Speeding drivers must learn patience. As we mentioned before, you may get to the hospital, morgue, or the police station more quickly, but in reality, you won't get to any destination much more quickly. You still have to deal with traffic, and traffic lights, which even speeds out on most journeys.



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Overtaking. In this example, the blue car is attempting to overtake the red car, and as a result, has run into headlong into the green car.

If you need to overtake, you must be patient. If you are on a highway, you'll be presented with opportunities to overtake, and you'll see signs to that effect - so be patient!



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Speeding

Research from the **Road Accident Research Unit** of the **University of Adelaide** has shown:

- The risk of involvement in a casualty doubles with each 5km/hr increase in free travelling speed above 60km/hr.
- A 5km/hr reduction in speed can lead to at least 15% decrease in crashes.

At 40km/h, 25% of pedestrians will die if struck by a car.
At 50km/h, 55% of pedestrians will die if struck by a car.
At 60km/h, 85% of pedestrians will die if struck by a car.

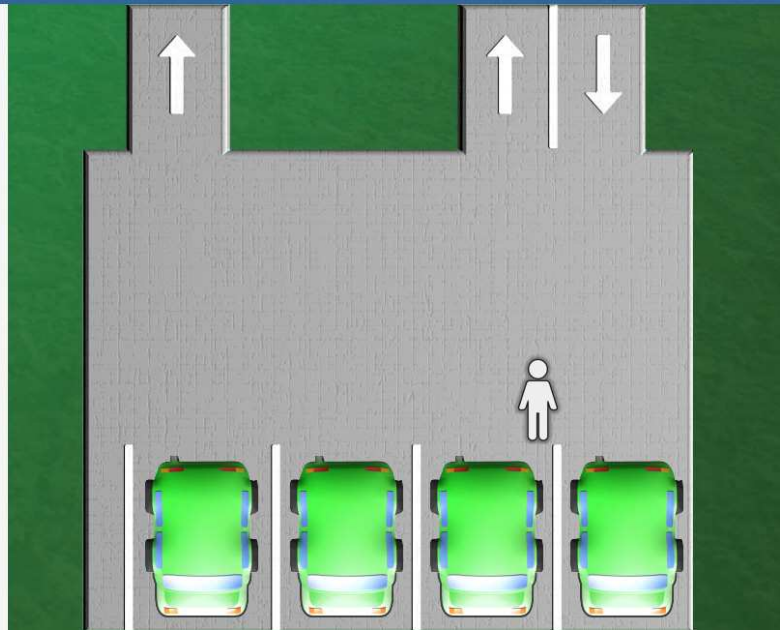


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Reversing. Reversing is one thing that cannot be hurried. No matter how impatient you are.

Reverse slowly. Always. Take a good look, always. Turn the radio off, always.

People, especially children, die every day from reversing cars.



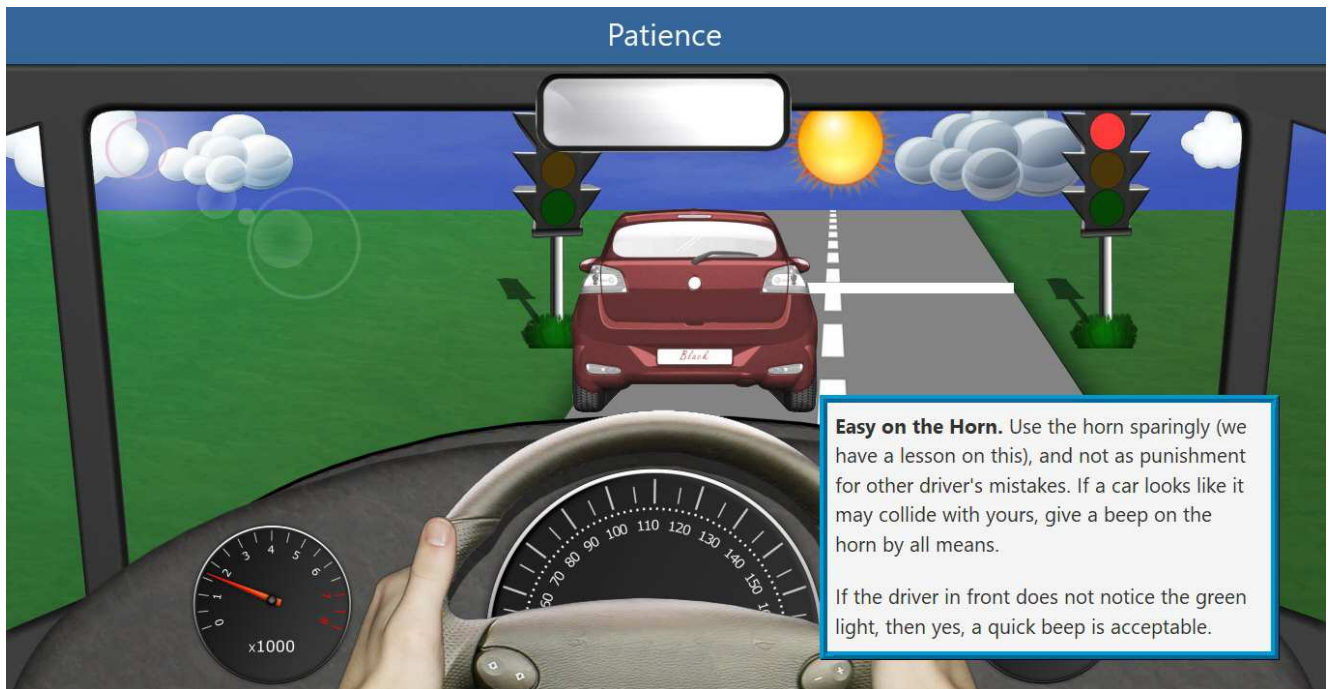
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Road Hazards. From time to time, a road may be closed, or a detour in place when a road has been flooded, or damaged, or perhaps even closed for a special event.

Don't be impatient. Take the suggested detour. Some decide it will be easier to drive through the water, for example, than take a longer way around - but don't. You can't possibly tell if there is a current or some other additional hidden hazard.



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SUMMARY

In this lesson, we discussed **Patience**. This included:

- Have Patience.
- Patience.
- Three Second Rule.
- Running Red Lights.
- Speeding.
- Overtaking.
- Reversing.
- Road Hazards.

FINISH LESSON

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