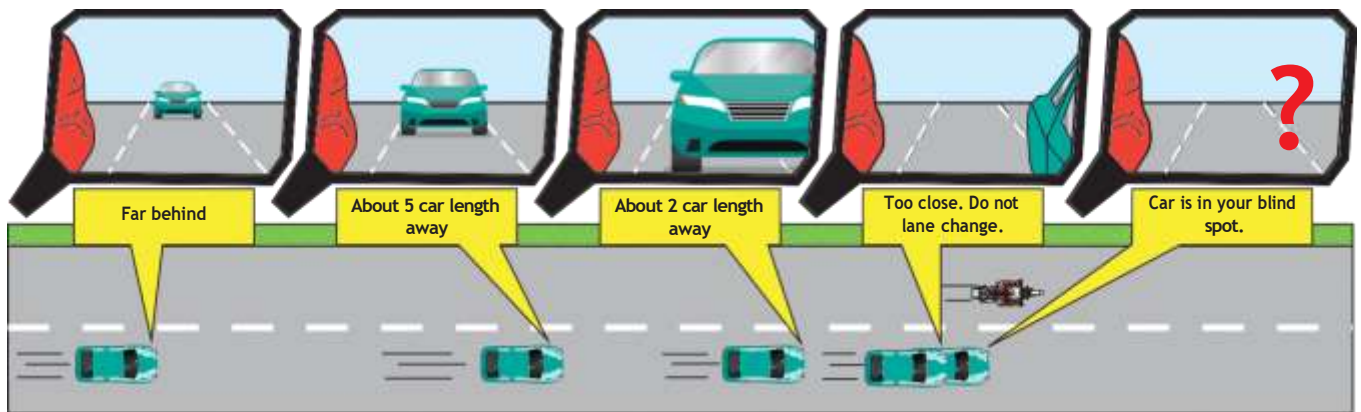


### READING OF THE MIRROR

149. The distance of the vehicle behind you is determined by the size of image in the mirror. Adopt quick glances when check the mirrors, looking into the mirror for too long will distract your attention off the road.



Knowing the distance of the rear vehicle is not enough to ensure safe lane changing. Knowing the speed the rear vehicle is travelling is also critical. Speed of vehicle behind you can be roughly estimated by the rate of change in size of image in the mirror.

- a) Constant size - the rear vehicle is travelling at the same speed as you
- b) Size is becoming bigger - the rear vehicle is travelling at a faster speed than you
- c) Size is becoming smaller - the rear vehicle is travelling at a slower speed than you

### SPEED REGULATION

150. Lane changing is a challenging manoeuvre and it can be unsafe if not done safely. It can endanger the safety of other road users as well as disrupt flow of traffic.

Lane changing should be done for the following reasons:

- 1) To keep to the right or left in order to turn right or left respectively.
- 2) To overtake a slow moving vehicle which is hindering the flow of traffic.
- 3) To overtake any obstruction or obstacles along your path.

After analysing the traffic and road conditions, adjust your speed to suit the traffic flow and make full use of space available to change lane safely. When you find it difficult to move over to the next lane in heavy traffic, you should slow down and wait for someone to give way to you. Avoid abrupt lane change which might result in accident or forcing drivers to jam brakes or swerve to avoid accident.

Plan your route ahead, choose the appropriate lane and remain in your own lane as far as possible. Do not travel in between the two lanes simultaneously. If you have missed a turn, do not stop suddenly, reverse or swerve sharply into the desired lane. You should proceed and exit by the next turn.

### DIFFERENT SCENARIOS TO CONSIDER BEFORE CHANGING LANES

151. When it is unsafe to change lane, do so after the vehicle behind has passed. In this scenario, the red car is too near and it is unsafe to lane change. Slow down when approaching parked bus and allow the red car to pass before picking up speed to change lane.

