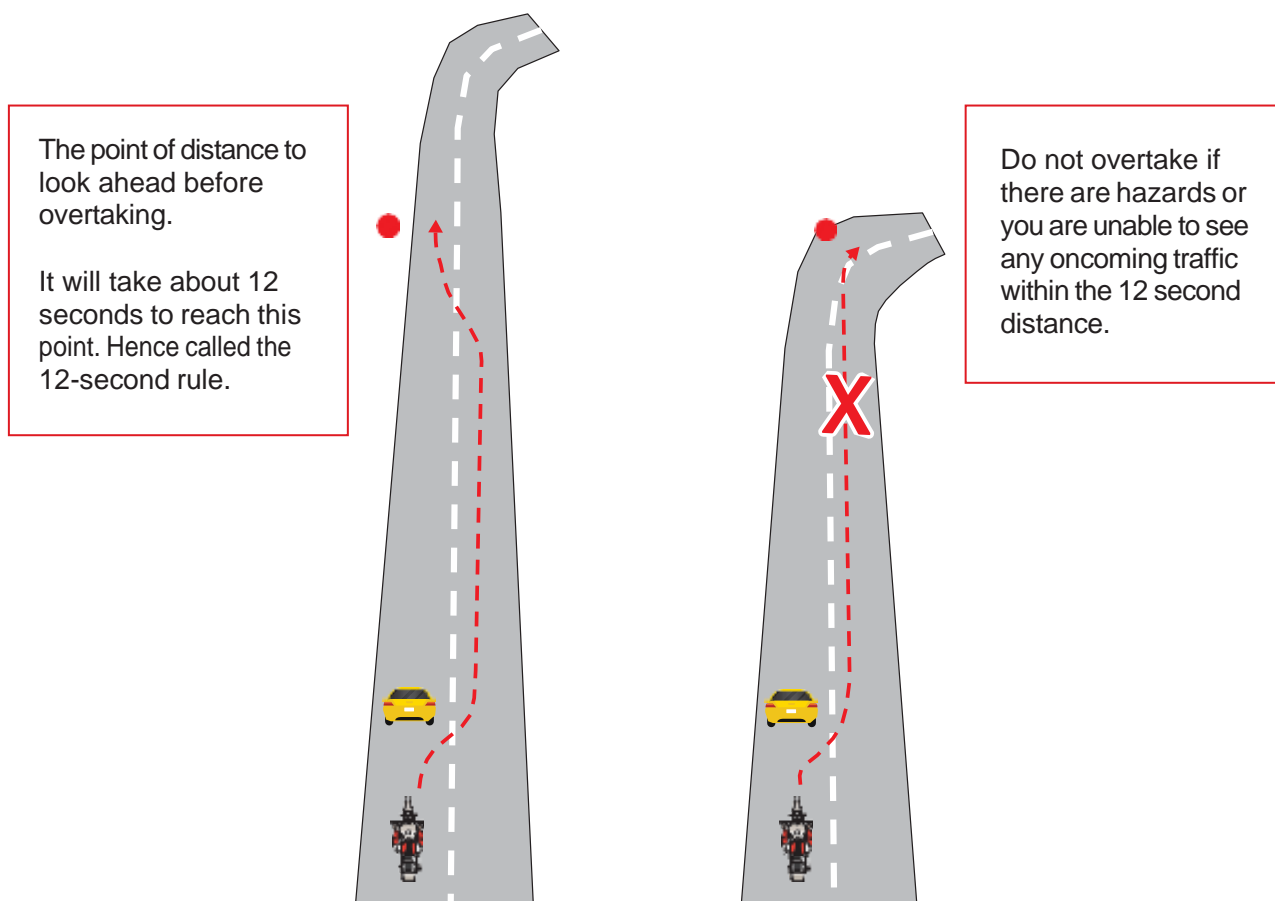


The 12-second rule also enable us to determine whether the road space ahead of us is sufficient for us to complete the overtaking manoeuvre.



### HOW TO OVERTAKE SAFELY IN 10 STEPS:

#### 1. **STAY BACK** (before you overtake)

Maintain a safe following distance. Stay 2 seconds away from the car in front.

Many riders forget what they had learnt about following distance when they start to overtake. They close in on the vehicle ahead so they can dart out onto the right side as soon as an opening occurs.

This is hazardous because the vehicle in front might stop suddenly. The change in direction will be too sharp for you to react in time. Additionally, the closer you get to the vehicle in front, the less you can see ahead.

#### 2. **CHECK AHEAD**

Check ahead for oncoming traffic and the road space available.

See that approaching traffic is beyond your 12-second visual scan and that there is no road hazard within the 12-second distance.

Remember that it takes approximately 10 seconds to complete your overtaking manoeuvre.

#### 3. **CHECK BEHIND**

Check traffic behind you.

Do not pull to the right until you know what is behind you e.g. in the event that someone is overtaking your vehicle at the same time.

Use your mirrors and also turn your head to the right to check for any vehicle in your blind spot.