

anyone off. Watch carefully for smaller traffic — bicycles and motorcycles — that may be approaching faster than you think.

The same rule applies when you're planning to change lanes. Make sure there is a large enough gap so that when you pull in front of another vehicle, that driver doesn't have to slow down to avoid crashing into you. Legally, you must signal when you change lanes.

driving tip

Don't speed up as someone is trying to pass you — it's illegal. Help the other driver get back into your lane by slowing down and making room.

Passing

Passing requires moving into another lane — sometimes a lane of approaching traffic — and then back into your original lane. Remember, if you move into another vehicle's lane, that vehicle has the right-of-way. It doesn't matter if it's a car, a motorcycle or a bicycle. Other traffic shouldn't have to change direction or slow down for you.

If you're planning to pass, make sure you can do it safely and legally:

- Pass on the right only on a roadway that has two or more lanes, or if a driver ahead is turning left. Do not use the shoulder to pass.
- Pass on the left only when it is safe to do so and lane markings permit.
- Keep within the speed limit when passing.
- Make sure you know whether the pavement markings allow you to pass. See **chapter 3, signs, signals and road markings**, for more information.

Passing lanes

Some highways have special passing lanes. These lanes let slower vehicles move into the right lane so faster vehicles can pass safely in the left lane.

A sign will tell you how far it is to the next passing lane. Keep right unless you are passing.

