

Other Types of Vehicles

Different **vehicles** behave differently. **Adapt your driving to the conditions, maintain a safe distance, and look before you move.**

Wind & vulnerable riders

In **windy weather**, **motorcyclists** and **cyclists** can be **blown sideways**.

- When **overtaking**, leave **plenty of room**, pass **smoothly**, and **check mirrors** before pulling back in.
- Expect **turbulence** after passing **high-sided vehicles**, at **gaps in hedges/buildings**, and on **exposed roads**.

Large/long vehicles (lorries, buses, coaches)

- They can **hide overtaking traffic** (especially **motorcycles**). **Never assume** it's clear to turn.
- **Turning space:** Long vehicles may **swing out** (e.g., left before turning **right**) to clear the **kerb**. **Do not filter** into any tempting **gap**, it will **close**.
- At **mini-roundabouts**, they may need the **full width**, **hold back**, don't move up alongside.
- **Following distance:** Stay **well back** so you can **see ahead** and so they can **see you** in mirrors.
- **Do not overtake** a long vehicle that's **preparing to turn**. **Wait until the manoeuvre is finished**.

Buses (extra people-risk)

- Watch for **passengers** crossing **in front of the bus** and people **running** to catch it.
- **If a bus signals to pull out, give priority if safe.**
- **Don't accelerate** to beat a bus, and don't flash; it can **mislead** others.

Wet weather & spray

- **Large vehicles throw up spray, killing visibility.** **Drop back** to get a **clear sight** and restore a safe **gap**.

- If someone cuts into your gap, **stay calm, ease off, and rebuild space.**

Overtaking a lorry safely

Before you commit, confirm: **oncoming clear, no junctions, no bends/dips, and no prohibitions.**

Overtakes take **longer**, be **patient**, never **gamble**.

Trams

- **Trams are fast, quiet, and can't swerve.** Respect **tram signals/lanes** and expect quick **acceleration**.

Towing (caravans/trailers)

- **Fit extended mirrors** if your view is **blocked**.
- Use **dipped headlights** in **poor visibility**; if below **100 m**, you may use **rear fog lights** (switch **off** when it improves).