

# Vehicle and Motorcycle Handling

1. Always **be aware** of other road users and how road layout and weather affect safety.
2. Only **overtake** when you have **a clear view** and it is completely safe.
3. In rain, fog or at night, **slow down and leave a much bigger gap** so you can **stop in time**.
4. **Box junctions** must be kept clear. Only enter if your exit is clear or you are turning right and blocked by oncoming traffic.
5. **Traffic calming** features like **humps and chicanes** mean **slow down** and watch for **pedestrians**, especially near **schools and homes**.
6. **Road studs** and **rumble strips** guide and warn you, especially in **poor visibility**, so use them to **stay in lane and adjust your speed**.
7. On **rural** and **single track roads**, **drive slowly**, expect **oncoming traffic** and use **passing places** safely.
8. Give extra **space to large vehicles, motorcyclists and cyclists** because they may need to **move around hazards**.
9. After driving through **deep water or a ford**, **test and dry your brakes gently** before returning to **normal speed**.
10. **Safe handling is about planning ahead**, spotting **hazards early** and always giving yourself enough **time and space to react**.