

NEAR AND FAR, HOW CLOSE IS YOUR CAR?

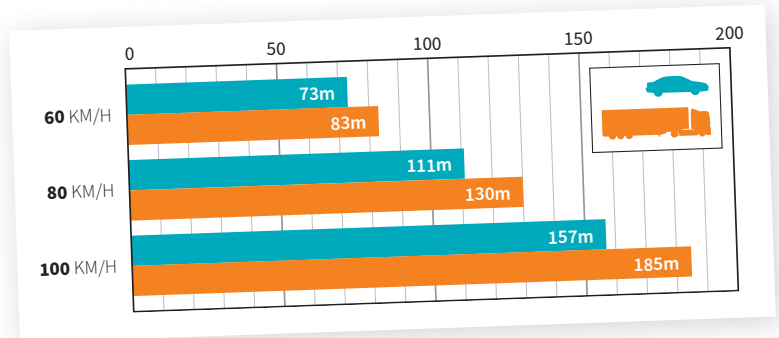
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HOW CLOSE IS TOO CLOSE?

Trucks are big, heavy vehicles. STOPPING DISTANCES

If a truck has to stop at 100km per hour, it will take around 185 metres to completely stop – nearly 30 metres more than a car at the same speed.

For this reason truck drivers carefully watch the road ahead and their reactions need to be exact, as do yours.



Source: Queensland Government – Department of Transport and Main Roads, 2017.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Trucks may need to stop suddenly – **so don't get too close.** The greater your distance from a truck, the more time you have to react and stop.

If a car rear-ends a truck, the car always loses.



Rain, fog, wind – if the weather gets worse, the road conditions get worse and stopping is even harder – leave a longer gap.



Too close, move back – if you're too close to the back of a truck you'll be in the driver's blind spot. This is a dangerous place to be. The driver can't see you and you can't see what's ahead.



Remember, if you can't see a truck's mirrors, the truck driver can't see you.