



Northern  
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# SAFELY SHARING OUR ROADS AND HIGHWAYS



*In the Territory you will be sharing our roads and highways with road trains.*

## Safe stopping

Road trains take longer to stop than cars, so be careful when braking and pulling out. Be patient and don't compromise on safety.

## Do not overtake turning vehicles

Road trains often make wide turns and sometimes require more of the road to manoeuvre. Always give them space and time when they turn.

## Intersections and traffic signals

Be patient as road train drivers may slow down significantly in advance of intersections and traffic signals.

## Road positioning

Road trains are wide and use most of the traffic lane. Allow adequate space (at least 200m) between you and other vehicles, particularly when towing trailers and caravans.

## Being overtaken by a road train

Maintain speed and road position when being overtaken. Do not move off the road. When the road train has safely passed, flash your headlights to let the driver know it is safe to move back into the left lane.

## Overtake with care

Ensure there is sufficient clear road ahead to pass. Signal, move into the oncoming lane and overtake quickly and sensibly. Don't move in front of the road train until you can see both headlights in your mirrors. Only overtake when you are confident that it is safe to do so.

## Single lane and unsealed highways

When approaching an oncoming road train, slow down, gradually pull to the left and drive on the shoulder. Keep your distance when travelling behind a road train on unsealed roads as dust could obscure visibility. Use your headlights in times of low visibility to warn road train drivers that you are there.

## Beat fatigue – stay awake

Fatigue often sets in before a driver realises that they are too tired to drive safely. Plan your trip with regular breaks and have a good night's sleep before starting a journey.

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