

nSafe Space Worksheet

Spend around two hours raising your awareness of maintaining a safe space – you can do this during other practise or when driving to or from work or other journeys.

Complete at least one specific, dedicated drive of around thirty minutes considering ways to maximise the space around your car in town traffic and on urban routes that include traffic calming bollards and other width restricting hazards. Also think about this every time your drive from now on.

Assessment

Read the achievement targets, plus any of your own, before you start practising. And again after 25 minutes or so; provisionally tick off those targets that you are happy with. It may quite a few attempts, or an assessment with a trainer, before you can consider ticking off all the targets.

To further assist your preparation for Part-Three, take along your copy of the DVSA Driving Manual (Essential Skills). After 15 minutes, take a break and read about meeting vehicles and any other advice about keeping a safe space to ensure that you are following DVSA advice and practice.

Score yourself using the 1 to 10 scale.

If you have an opportunity to practice with other students, ask them to assess your performance. If you don't agree with your fellow student's assessment that's OK; but remember it's usually easier to be objective from the passenger seat.

Make a note of any actions for improvement by either self-development or with the help of a trainer at a later date.

Safe Space - Achievement Targets

Name: Date

<i>When driving normally I always:</i>	
	Score
Keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead	
Increase my forward safety-gap if the car behind is 'too close for comfort'	
Maintain an adequate safety margin to the sides of my vehicle	
Leave adequate space for other road users	
Make 'space' allowances for any temporary conditions (e.g., weather)	
Total score	
Average score (total score divided by 5)	