

Safe space answers

Give three reasons for maintaining a safe space behind the car in front.

To allow sufficient room to stop in an emergency.

To get a better view ahead either around or under the vehicle (sometimes over).

To allow lateral space for approaching vehicles in narrow sections of road.

What is the minimum following gap in wet weather on an open road?

Four seconds (double the two-second rule).

State a simple method to help learner drivers keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead when stopped in queuing traffic.

Tyres 'n Tarmac' - When stopped behind another vehicle you should be able to see its rear tyres and some of the road surface.

What solution does SmartDriving suggest for dealing with tailgaters?

Add one second to your forward safety gap. By easing back gently and opening the gap ahead you will create more time and space in an emergency.

The extra second will allow time for you to spread your braking in order to give the following driver time to react. You can then slow down and open your forward gap to double, or greater, when a safe overtaking opportunity arises.