

JOINING THE **MOTOR** WAY



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ON THE MOTORWAY



**WHILE DRIVING ON THE MOTORWAY,
YOU SHOULD ALWAYS FOLLOW ALL THE LANE DISCIPLINES WITH ACCURACY.**

- THE CAR SHOULD NORMALLY BE DRIVEN ON THE LEFT-HAND LANE
- IT IS A BETTER IDEA TO AVOID CHANGING LANES UNLESS IT IS REQUIRED TO DO SO
- DO NOT OVERTAKE UNLESS IT IS SAFE AND LEGAL TO DO SO
- WHEN YOU ARE TRYING TO OVERTAKE, MAKE SURE YOU OVERTAKE ONLY ON THE RIGHT HAND LANE
- COME BACK TO NORMAL POSITION OR RETURN TO THE LEFT-HAND LANE AS SOON AS YOU OVERTAKE ANOTHER CAR
- POSITION WITH THE OTHER TRAFFIC AS SOON AS YOU ARE DONE OVERTAKING. CHECK THE MIRRORS CAREFULLY, FOLLOW THE RULES OF SIGNALLING AND MAKE SURE TO JUDGE THE SPEEDS CORRECTLY WHILE BALANCING IT WITH THE SPEED OF THE OTHER TRAFFIC.
- WHEN DRIVING ON A MOTORWAY KEEP STAGGERED POSITION, THIS WILL MAKE IT EASIER TO SWITCH LANES. IN STRONG WINDS HIGH VEHICLES LIKE LORRIES AND BIKES ARE MOST VULNERABLE AND MAY SWING RIGHT, IT'S CRUCIAL TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY AS WELL AS THAT OF OTHER DRIVERS. TO DO THIS, ALWAYS TAKE A GLANCE INTO YOUR BLIND SPOT AREA TO CHECK FOR ANY VEHICLES THAT MAY HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM YOUR VIEW IN THE MIRROR
- YOU SHOULD KEEP SAFE DISTANCE AHEAD AND EITHER SIDE TOO OF THE VEHICLE, INCLUDING THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE AND LEFT-HAND SIDE LANES.
- IT IS IMPORTANT TO USE THE SLIP ROADS WHILE JOINING THE WAVE OF TRAFFIC ON A MOTORWAY
- IT IS RECOMMENDED TO NOT USE A HARD SHOULDER EXCEPT IN AN EMERGENCY OR IF DIRECTED TO DO SO BY THE POLICE, TRAFFIC OFFICERS OR A TRAFFIC SIGN
- IN CASE YOU FACE A BREAKDOWN, TRY YOUR BEST TO EXIT THE MOTORWAY OR MOVE AWAY FROM THE TRAFFIC INTO HARD SHOULDER TURN YOUR HAZARD LIGHTS ON TO ALERT OTHER DRIVERS TO SPOT THE BROKEN-DOWN VEHICLE. AND, THEN CALL FOR HELP USE OWN OR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PHONE ON THE MOTORWAY, NEVER TRY TO FIX CAR YOURSELF ESPECIALLY NOT WEARING HIGH VISIBILITY VEST USE AA OR RAC TO RESCUE YOU ! TRY TO WAIT AWAY FROM DANGER SOMEWHERE SAFE NOT IN CAR AS IT CAN BE HIT BY ONCOMING TRAFFIC!



LEAVING THE MOTORWAY



THE WAY TO LEAVING THE MOTORWAY IS ALSO THROUGH THE SLIP ROADS

- IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE IN THE LEFT-HAND LANE IN ADVANCE SO THAT YOU CAN EASILY DRIVE ONTO THE SLIP ROAD WHEN YOU REACH IT TO ENSURE A SMOOTH EXIT FROM THE MOTORWAY. THIS WILL HELP YOU AVOID CUTTING IN FRONT OF OTHER VEHICLES OR MISSING YOUR EXIT

WHEN LEAVING THE MOTORWAY USE THE SLIP ROAD /DE-ACCELERATION LANE TO BRAKE AND REDUCE SPEED (NOT WHILE ON LEFT LANE OF THE MOTORWAY)

- KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ROAD SIGNS AND MARKERS THAT WILL INDICATE WHEN YOU'RE APPROACHING YOUR EXIT. THIS WILL HELP YOU GET INTO THE CORRECT LANE IN GOOD TIME.

GENERALLY, UNLESS SIGNS INDICATE OTHERWISE, YOU WILL LEAVE THE MOTORWAY USING A SLIP ROAD ON YOUR LEFT. AS SUCH, IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE VIGILANT AND WATCH FOR SIGNS INDICATING YOUR EXIT.

- IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN THE SIGNAL TIMINGS. MOVE INTO THE LEFT-HAND LANE AHEAD OF TIME (LEAST ONE MILE BEFORE, HALF MILE MUST BE IN LEFT LANE) SIGNAL LEFT IN GOOD TIME 300 YARDS INDICATE LEFT TO LEAVE THE MOTORWAY ! (AND REDUCE YOUR SPEED ON THE SLIP ROAD AS NECESSARY)
- KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ROAD SIGNS AND MARKERS THAT WILL INDICATE WHEN YOU'RE APPROACHING YOUR EXIT. THIS WILL HELP YOU GET INTO THE CORRECT LANE IN GOOD TIME.
- TO ENSURE SAFETY, USE THE MIRRORS - SIGNAL -
(MSM) MANOEUVRE ROUTINE BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE MOTORWAY

- IT'S WORTH NOTING THAT WHEN LEAVING THE MOTORWAY OR USING A LINK ROAD BETWEEN MOTORWAYS, YOUR SPEED MAY BE HIGHER THAN YOU REALISE. THEREFORE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO CHECK YOUR SPEEDOMETER AND ADJUST YOUR SPEED ACCORDINGLY. ADDITIONALLY, SOME SLIP ROADS AND LINK ROADS MAY HAVE

SHARP BENDS SO YOU WON'T NEED TO SLOW DOWN - YOU CAN SLOW DOWN ON SLIP ROADS BUT NOT WHILE BEING ON MOTORWAY IN THE LEFT LANE !

