

# COURTESY ON THE ROAD



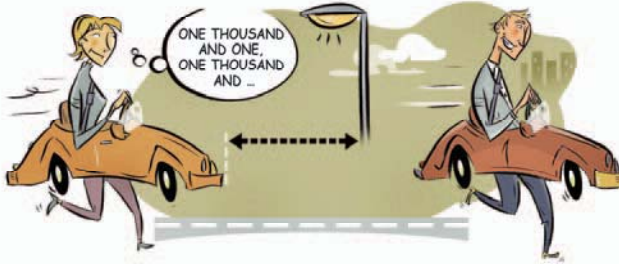
# KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

## A matter of safety and courtesy

### CAN ANYONE CLAIM TO HAVING NEVER FAILED TO SHOW PATIENCE OR COURTESY ON THE ROAD?

Following a vehicle too closely and cutting one off are surely examples of bad driving.

Sometimes, poor driving is due to not having really mastered a basic technique.



### KEEP A GOOD FOLLOWING DISTANCE

Allow yourself enough distance from the vehicle ahead to be able to react safely. Leave a space of at least two seconds in travel time between your vehicle the one you are following.

#### How is this done?

- Select a stationary object along the roadside, a little ahead of the vehicle in front of you, for example a lamp post, road sign or the start of a shadowed zone under an overpass.
- When the back of the vehicle ahead passes by the object, start counting "one thousand and one, one thousand and two".
- If you reach the object before you have finished counting, you're too close to the vehicle ahead; slow down.

### NEVER CUT A VEHICLE OFF

Passing is an oft-executed driving manoeuvre. Should the situation prompt you to do it:

- heed the broken lines on the pavement;
- check that any vehicle behind is not preparing to enter the left lane;
- make sure that the passing lane is free of traffic over a safe distance;
- keep a safe distance from the vehicle you passed before returning to the right-hand lane;
- activate your vehicle's turn signals well before lane changes or turns.

Zigzagging to pass several vehicles in succession is prohibited.