



Mirror

You need to be aware of the space between you and the following vehicle so that you can adopt your speed and approach according particular circumstances. For example if the driver behind is driving very close to you and you are forced to brake hard because the oncoming driver cuts your path. In order to minimise a serious risk of collision from behind, use of your mirrors will alert you to the danger and allow you to adjust your speed to take account of the lack of space from behind and the sides.

You can minimise the risk of rear end shunts by using your mirrors early and adopting your approach speed and position to suite the changing situations, by doing so you will allow other road users more time to react to your actions.



Interior mirrors are made of flat glass and gives you a true image of what you are seeing, this means that the image you see in the mirror will be same as if you were looking at it with your own eyes. However most door mirrors are made of convex glass, which gives the driver a wider view, but everything seen through them will appear to be smaller and furtherer than it actually is.

The side mirrors are valuable aide when you need to adjust your position on the road, for example when changing lanes or to make a right turns, passing parked vehicles, returning to your normal driving position or before and after overtaking.

Typical places were you would need to use the mirrors

- Well before moving off.
- Well before pulling in to park.
- On approach to a bend or a corner.
- On approach to a junctions.
- On approach to all types of crossings.
- On approach to traffic lights.
- When meeting on coming vehicles on narrow roads.
- Well before you overtake.
- Well before passing obstructions.
- Well before changing lanes.

Cyclists are vulnerable on the roads because they are relatively small and are harder to see they are also capable of passing through narrow spaces and could be travelling in your blind area. Pedal cyclists can be particularly at risk, as they quite and you will not hear them until something catastrophic occurs. Remember mirror, mirror on the wall who is the smartest of them all