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Passing another car can be tricky for the new driver. Whenever in DOUBT on whether you can safely pass, don't try it. Here are some passing tips.

Don't Pass

- When there is a solid line on your side
- When you're uncertain there is enough time or space
- When you can't see around a curve or over a hill
- When behind multiple cars and passing one car doesn't really make any difference
- On two lane roads, don't pass tractors or trucks or other vehicles you can't see around
- In hazardous weather conditions
- When another car is coming toward you in the opposite lane
- When a car is passing you
- When there is construction or road work



- When the car in front of you is going the maximum speed limit
- On narrow roads, on bridges or in tunnels
- When you are unfamiliar with the car you are driving and its capabilities
- Don't play leap frog by passing a friend that just passed you

Don't pass in any of the above situations.

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Passing with Caution

- Only pass if there's a dotted line on your side.
- Check that the passing lane is clear.
- Make sure you have plenty of space to pass safely.
- Signal before you pass.
- Pass at least 16 km per hour faster than the car you're passing while not exceeding the speed limit.
- Make sure you have cleared the passed car with enough space before pulling back into your lane.

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