

TRAFFIC SAFETY TIP FOR JANUARY

This space should be **2-4 SECONDS LONG.**

Pick a fixed point on the side of the road. There should be at least two seconds between the time the car ahead of you passes it and when you pass it.

That means the faster you are driving, the bigger this space should be.



Traffic Safety Tip - January 2016

The Newport Police Department would like to wish you a safe and happy 2016! In doing so, we would like to remind you to increase your following distance from the vehicle in front of you. The latest crash statistics from the Oregon Department of Transportation cite Following Too Closely as being the primary contributing factor in 2,426 motor vehicle crashes in calendar year 2013.

Oregon Revised Statute 811.485 states:...

(1) A person commits the offense of following too closely if the person does any of the following:

(a) Drives a motor vehicle so as to follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of the vehicles and the traffic upon, and condition of, the highway.

(b) Drives a truck, commercial bus or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle when traveling upon a roadway outside of a business or residence district or upon a freeway within the corporate limits of a city and follows another truck, commercial bus or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle without, when conditions permit, leaving sufficient space so that an overtaking vehicle may enter and occupy the space without danger. This paragraph does not prevent a truck, commercial bus or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle from overtaking and passing a vehicle or combination of vehicles.

(c) Drives a motor vehicle when traveling upon a roadway outside of a business or residence district or upon a freeway within the corporate limits of a city in a caravan or motorcade whether

or not towing another vehicle without operating the vehicle so as to leave sufficient space between vehicles to enable a vehicle to enter and occupy the space without danger.

(2) This section does not apply in the case of a funeral procession. Except for the funeral lead vehicle, vehicles participating in a funeral procession shall follow the preceding vehicle as closely as is reasonable and safe.

(3) The offense described in this section, following too closely, is a Class B traffic violation. [1983 c.338 §654; 1991 c.482 §20; 2007 c.794 §5]

Please remember to visualize your stopping distance!