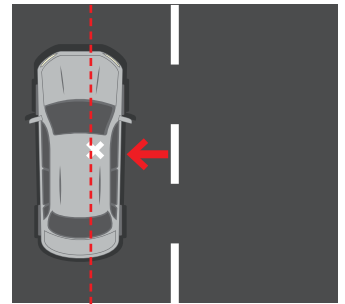


Vehicle positioning is critical

You should always drive as far to the left as practical. This creates distance between you and oncoming vehicles.

Distance gives you time. Time allows you to respond to incidents of potential harm such as driver error, (yours or other road users).

The easiest way to get your vehicle into the correct road position is to place you as the driver in the middle of your lane. This then puts your vehicle to the left side of your lane.



Middle of lane

A good way to check your vehicle positioning is by looking into your left-wing mirror to see the left-hand side of your vehicle close to the cycle lane, fog line, or side of the road.



Cycle Lane



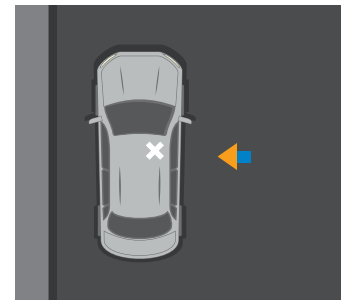
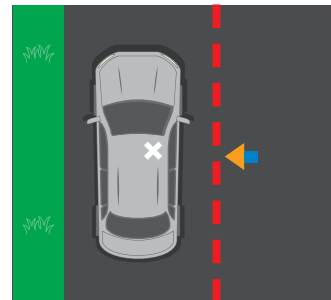
Fog Line



Side of the road

On an unlaned road where there are no road markings, you need to imagine that there is a centre line to keep left of.

Use what road markings are available to assist you with this. Blue cats eyes and yellow painted triangles are often placed in the middle of the road. You can use these as a guide to stay left of.



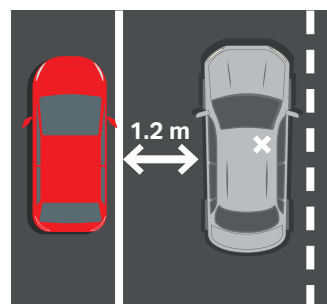
There are times that we must adjust our vehicle positioning because of our surroundings.

Going past a parked car, you must be 1.2 metres away from the car. This is to avoid opening car doors.

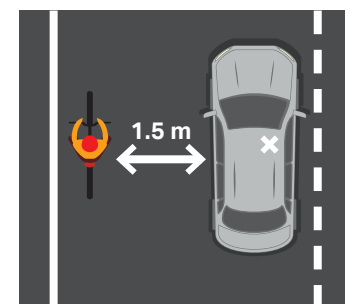
Going past a cyclist you must be 1.5 metres away from the cyclist. **Don't hit Bob on his bike!**

Looking ahead to where you want to go, helps you maintain a good driving line.

Parked car



Cyclist



Always maintain a good scanning pattern.

Looking 12 seconds ahead and mirror checking every 5 - 10 seconds.

