

Tailgating



Why this is a Road Safety Issue:

- ▶ There are nearly 30 crashes per day in Canberra.
- ▶ Nearly half of all crashes recorded in the ACT involve running into the vehicle in front. These crashes occur due to misjudgement of speed and distance, or deliberate tailgating.
- ▶ Apart from vehicle damage, the occupants of the vehicles involved can suffer dangerous whiplash and other soft tissue injuries.

What the ACT Government is doing:

- ▶ Implementing awareness campaigns to encourage all road users to respect the road rules.
- ▶ Designing and constructing roads and road works which improve and regulate the flow of traffic, including the provision of safe places to pass.
- ▶ Enforcing the road rules through police traffic programs.

What You Can Do:

- ▶ Slow down and build a “three second gap” between your vehicle and the vehicle in front. Give yourself room to stop if necessary.
- ▶ Scan - Look as far ahead as you can to allow you to anticipate problems. The driver in front may be able to see something you can't.
- ▶ Be patient. Delays in moving traffic are usually matters of seconds rather than hours.
- ▶ Don't tailgate. You are required to maintain sufficient distance from the vehicle in front.



‘ Road Safety – It’s Everyone’s Responsibility ’