

# TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

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## IMPROPER PASSING COACHING TOPIC

### The Issue

Making a proper pass requires asking yourself a few very important questions. Like the following:

Is this pass absolutely necessary? How much will I really gain if I pass? Is the traffic way ahead clear for a safe pass? How much time and space will I need to make a safe pass? Are there any roadways, driveways or other entrance or exit paths from the roadway ahead where another vehicle could interfere with the pass? Will the vehicle(s) ahead stay in their own lane?

As you can see, making a safe pass requires skill and proper situation analysis. Sometimes the answer is STOP...DON'T MAKE THAT PASS!!

### Our Concern

When you make an improper pass you expose yourself and others around you to unnecessary danger. You control what happens. You can take a chance or slow down, relax and make sure you ask yourself the most important question of all those mentioned above; "Is this pass necessary?" Most of the time you will find the answer is NO, the pass is not necessary. It is not worth the few minutes that might be gained (if you can make a safe pass) to risk your safety and the safety of others.

Your safety and the safety of others is always our main concern. If traveling on a two-lane road, the questions posed above are essential. Even if traveling on a multi-lane road, many of the same questions need to be asked as you make a decision to pass another vehicle that is to your left or right.

### A Solution

Don't pass unless absolutely necessary. Stay in your own lane and be patient. It's better to arrive at your destination safely than to not arrive at all. Practice defensive driving in all that you do. Follow these few simple suggestions:

- Check your mirrors and the area around your vehicle.
- Be sure to signal your intentions well in advance of changing lanes.
- Honk at least once while passing to alert the driver being passed that you are passing
- Allow plenty of room ahead of you to make a safe pass.