

STREETS AHEAD

Tailgating

Tailgating is a failure to keep a safe distance when following another vehicle. A safe distance is to drive at least two seconds behind the vehicle in front.

To determine the two seconds - watch the vehicle in front as it passes a landmark, (eg tree, power pole). As it does, start counting 'one thousand and one, one thousand and two' (this takes about two seconds). If you pass the same landmark before you finish counting to two seconds, you're too close. Please refer to Regulation 109 of the *Road Traffic Code (RTC) 2000*.

It is important to increase your following distance if the weather or road conditions are poor or if you are towing a trailer.

If you are driving a heavy vehicle, different regulations may apply. Please refer to Regulation 110 of the RTC for more information.

Penalty

2 demerit points and
\$200 infringement

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