



Safe Passing

Remember the 4ft rule!

People outside of vehicles are more vulnerable on the road. Even a slight miscalculation can lead to a serious crash that injures or even kills the person out on the road. When passing, giving vulnerable users extra space can save lives.

Massachusetts has a '**4-foot rule**' that requires drivers to give at least four feet of space when passing someone walking, biking, rolling, riding a horse, maneuvering farm equipment, working alongside the road, or generally just getting around without a car.

Massachusetts state law allows for drivers to cross over a double yellow line if needed to pass someone on the road, as long as drivers do so safely and adhere to the speed limit.

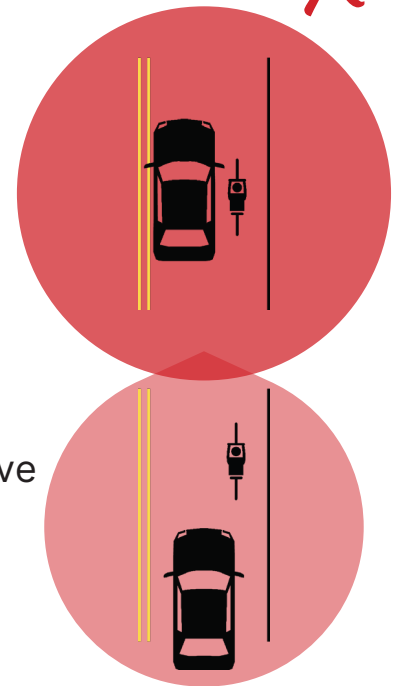
If you can't pass with the four foot buffer, just slow down and stay back at a respectful following distance. Don't intimidate the person by driving closely. That may make them nervous and more unpredictable, creating a dangerous situation.

Remember, bikers need to avoid obstacles like potholes, glass, or construction, which you may not realize are a danger from the driver's seat.

Be a responsible driver and slow down when passing. Check your mirrors and always maintain that four foot buffer of space.

Ultimately, you have the power to make the road a safer place for everyone. **Respect the 4-foot rule, and help make sure everyone gets home safely.**

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