

**IN NEW JERSEY**  
**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**  
**IT'S THE LAW**

**LEAVE SPACE**



**SAFE PASSAGE**

*moving toward zero fatalities*

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**TAILGATING** is a major cause of traffic crashes in New Jersey. It's an intimidating, irritating, and potentially deadly practice. We all pay the price for tailgaters—increased crashes, injuries, and all too often, the tragic and senseless loss of life.

## **SLOW DOWN AND STAY BACK**

Rear-end crashes are far too common, and the main cause is drivers following too closely. Tailgaters don't leave an adequate cushion of space to brake if the car ahead suddenly slows or stops.

The solution is to maintain a **SAFE FOLLOWING DISTANCE**. This gives drivers a better view of the road and surrounding traffic, allowing for adequate time to react.

What's a "safe" following distance? In good weather, at a minimum, a 2-second time delay is considered a safe distance between vehicles. If the road and/or weather aren't good, increase the distance to 4 or 5 seconds.

## **LEAVE MORE SPACE OR PAY THE PRICE**

Tailgating is dangerous and against the law. If you're stopped and ticketed, fines of **\$140 or higher** (*depending on the speed you're traveling*) will be assessed, along with **5 motor vehicle points**.

**PLEASE *SLOW DOWN* AND MAINTAIN  
A SAFE FOLLOWING DISTANCE.**

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