

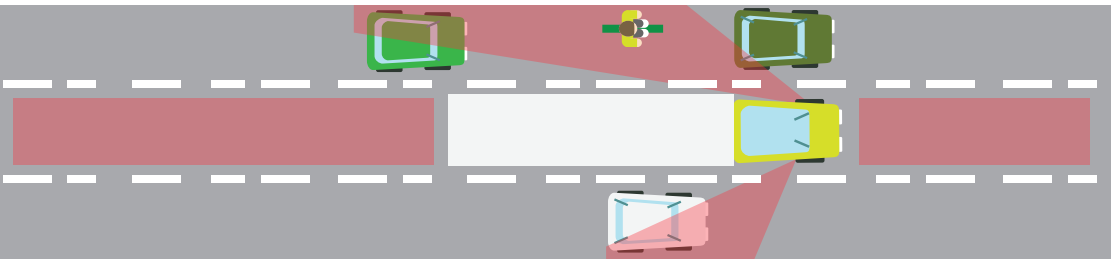
IF YOU CAN'T SEE MY MIRRORS I CAN'T SEE YOU

QUICK FACTS

What is a blind spot?

A blind spot is where you as a driver lose sight of the vehicles and cyclists around you.

Truck blind spots



The red shade shows where the blind spots are located for a truck:

- immediately in **front** of the truck
- beside the truck **driver's door**
- directly **behind** the truck
- on the **passenger side** which runs the length of the truck and extends out three lanes.

Sources: <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Driver-guide/Sharing-the-road-with-other-road-users/Heavy-vehicles.aspx>

Tip: Get clear of a truck driver's blind spots as soon as you can. Move to a position well in front of or behind the truck, where the driver can see you.

New technologies

Blind spot sensors can be fitted to trucks to notify the driver if there is a vehicle or cyclist in one of their blind zones. Many new trucks now have these sensors as standard fitment.



Tips for cyclists

- **Recognise** that truck or bus drivers may not be able to see you
- **Never cycle up** the left side of a truck or bus stopped at a junction
- **Look out** for trucks or buses turning left from beside or behind you
- **Don't stop too close** to the front of a stopped truck or bus
- **Take up** a visible position at lights: three meters out in front and not by the left kerb or very close to the truck or bus

