

INTERACTIONS BETWEEN HV AND LV

QUICK FACTS

Tips for LV and HV to share the road



Give trucks the room they need — they take longer to stop than cars



Obey the “do not overtake turning vehicle” signs



Use your headlights — but avoid high beam glare



If you can't see a truck driver's mirrors, they can't see you



Keep left on freeways unless overtaking



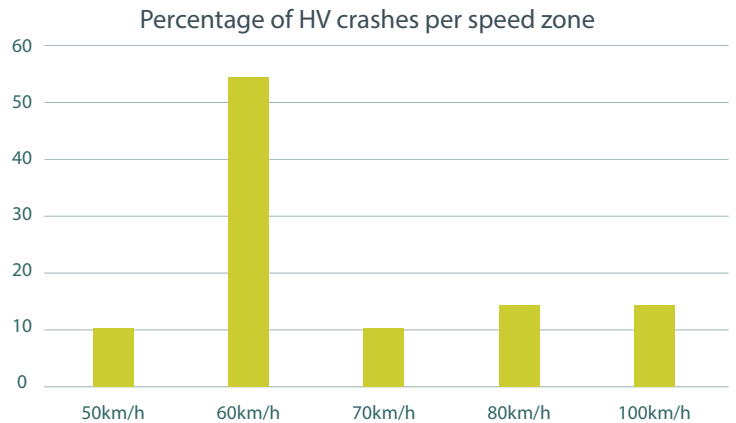
Leave a safe gap when following

Source: www.racv.com.au/on-the-road/driving-maintenance/road-safety/road-rules/sharing-the-road.html

Number of road fatalities involving heavy vehicles

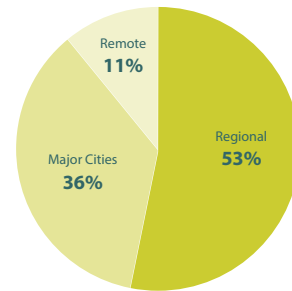
- In 2017, HVs accounted for about **3.8% of all registered vehicles** in Australia, but were involved in **13.7% of all fatal crashes**
- In 2017 there were **196 lives lost**, and hundreds more people seriously injured as a result of HV involvement in crashes.

Speed zones where crashes involving HV are most likely to occur



Source: Cairney, P. & Callard, M. (2007) Sharing the Road – What are drivers really ready to learn? Source: bitre.gov.au/publications/2016/files/is_078.pdf

Percentage of HV/LV crashes by location HV/LV crashes are most common in regional areas



- In 2017 NTI found the **HV was not at fault in 93%** of HV/LV crashes involving fatalities.
- From 2008–2012, there were 81 fatal crashes involving HVs, **86% involved LVs, pedestrians or cyclists**. HVs were deemed to be responsible for only 24%.

https://bitre.gov.au/statistics/safety/fatal_road_crash_database.aspx
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