

Blind Spots...

Spot the dangers

- **Manoeuvre extremely slowly**, checking around you constantly.
- **Use mirrors and any other devices available** to aid vision. You should also look over your shoulder when appropriate.
- However, **do not rely on blind spot devices alone** to keep you and other road users safe.
- **Check twice** for road users at junctions.
- **The location of blind spots can vary** on different vehicles, so ensure you take time to learn where yours are and minimise the risk of causing an accident.
- **Be aware of other drivers on the road.** Distractions such as loud music and mobile phones could mean you don't see a vital clue telling you there is a vehicle in your blind spot.
- **It is up to you to check** that the space around your vehicle is clear before and during any manoeuvres.

Blind spots

Most manoeuvres create blind spots, these include:

Reversing - blind spot to the rear

Changing lanes/ overtaking - blind spots to the side & behind 'A pillars' on each side of the rear window

Pulling away at a crossing - blind spot immediately in front of the vehicle

Turning at junctions - blind spot behind 'A pillars' on each side of the windscreen & at the sides

Did you know?

Every year about **400** people are killed in EU countries when drivers fail to detect objects in their blind spots while manoeuvring. Most victims are pedestrians, cyclists & motorcyclists.

'Vehicle blind spots' was a contributory factor in **21** fatal crashes, **183** serious crashes & **1,485** minor crashes in the UK in 2005.

