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I've been cycling as my primary mode of transport for almost 10 years in Melbourne. In this time I've experienced many courteous drivers, who are keenly aware of the vulnerability of cyclists in the vicinity of fast moving cars and trucks. These drivers will slow down and wait for safe opportunities to pass. However, there are still many drivers who don't seem to appreciate the danger they pose to cyclists when they pass at inappropriate speeds, sometimes leaving only centimetres. For these drivers, clear rules, education and enforcement mechanisms are needed.

A minimum 1-1.5 metre passing distance is a vital safety step that may heaps prevent deaths on Victoria's roads.