

Know what to do when it's **#BiggerThanYou**



Road transport makes a vital contribution to WA's economy. With our remote and rugged landscape there's often no option other than to move very large items by road. **Vehicles carrying oversized loads are typically much bigger, wider and slower than you.**

If you come across one of these oversized vehicles travelling towards you, accompanied by a Heavy Vehicle Pilot or Traffic Escort Warden vehicle, you must follow these simple steps:

Slow down

Seeing a Heavy Vehicle Pilot or Traffic Escort Warden vehicle is a warning there's something big up ahead.

Move left

Oversize loads can take up more than half the road, or may need to travel in the middle of the road to avoid power lines or other roadside items.

Prepare to stop and follow directions

Heavy Vehicle Pilots and Traffic Escort Wardens are there to provide directions on how to safely navigate the oversized load.

If the oversized vehicle is extra-wide, you may need to pull over completely for the vehicle to pass safely. Take care when re-entering the road – indicate and wait until the entire convoy has passed, including the last Pilot vehicle.

When following behind an oversized vehicle, be patient. Oversize vehicles will sometimes pull over when it is safe for you to pass.

Otherwise, follow the rear Pilot's directions and wait for them to signal you to pass. Then proceed with caution and only overtake if you feel it is safe to do so.

Heavy Vehicle Pilots and Traffic Escort Wardens are there for your safety! They have the same powers as WA Police to direct you around the oversized load. It is important you stay alert and follow their directions at all times.



What is a Heavy Vehicle Pilot and Traffic Escort Warden?



Heavy Vehicle Pilots facilitate the safe movement of an oversize load by providing advance warning to motorists, managing traffic around the oversize load and providing direction to the driver of the oversize vehicle who may have limited vision due to their load.

The number of pilots varies according to the size of the load or the complexity. For loads that require two pilots, you'll generally see one vehicle at the front of the convoy and one at the rear.

Their vehicles have a large, yellow, reflective sign 'Over Size Load Ahead' on the roof, along with amber flashing lights. If they're escorting a load that's more than 4.5 metres wide, they will also have white flashing lights on the front of the vehicle.

Traffic Escort Wardens help safely navigate oversize loads that are more than 5.5 metres wide and/or over 40 metres long.

Their vehicles have red and blue flashing lights on the roof and 'Traffic Escort' clearly displayed.

How to safely overtake a vehicle that's longer than you



Road trains may not be as wide as oversize vehicles but they can certainly be long, as much as 60 metres which is equivalent to 12 car lengths!

If you come across a road train and need to overtake

- **Be patient** - if practical, wait for the next overtaking lane.
- **Make sure you have a long, straight stretch of road ahead of you** - If you can't see what's ahead, do not overtake and wait for a safer opportunity.

- After you've passed, wait until you can see the vehicle's headlights in your rear view mirror, and **don't forget to indicate when returning to the left lane.**

If you're towing a caravan or trailer, you will need to give yourself extra room.

