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**What is a hazard?**

A hazard is anything that that moves on the road, or on the pavement that can cause you to crash if you do not take immediate action. It could be another car, a pedestrian, a cyclist, an animal, any moving object such as a ball rolling in front of your car. Also, a hazard could be a parked car on your left that you cannot see the driver, however, could suddenly move towards you in reverse or (open the door as you pass by and if you don’t take any action (like slowing down or even stopping), it could cause a crash.

Over the full licence test, you will be asked to point out hazards a minimum of twice.

**How to point out hazards and how to respond to them verbally.**

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| **Hazard Detection****What is a hazard and where is it** | **Response (say in a loud clear voice)****What do you do? What action to take?** |
| Car behind me (always start here) | watching |
| Car in front of me | Keeping a safe distance ( 2 or 4 second rule) |
| Oncoming traffic | Keeping to my left and watching |
| Traffic/ car on my left | Watching/ keeping a safe distance when passing |
| Traffic on my right (intersections and roundabouts) | Giving way |
| When there is no traffic at an intersection or roundabout | All clear I can go |
| Pedestrian / Cyclist/children/animal or ball/etc on my right or left  | Watching/Slowing down(if necessary) Do not go to the right side of the road / do not use the flush median / yellow line to overtake |
| Car parked or manoeuvring on my left or right | Watching/Slowing down(if necessary) Do not go to the right side of the road / do not use the flush median / yellow line to overtake |

Always remember to check:

Your mirrors (the one in front and your side mirrors) every 5 to 10 seconds

Your blind spots, this action is your only life insurance when you are driving

Remember driving is not a right, it’s a privilege to hold a drivers licence and involves lots of responsibilities! When you drive your actions or inactions could affect the life of yourself and others.

Please drive safely, there is no rush. Plan before you depart. **Be alert**

See more at <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/roadcode/about-driving/dealing> -with-hazards

i hope you always enjoy your driving