

A high-angle photograph of a multi-lane highway with traffic. A large white road sign with the words "SPACE OUT" and arrows pointing in both directions is painted on the road surface. The highway is flanked by green trees and a grassy shoulder. A bridge is visible in the distance.

**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**  
**IT'S THE LAW**

***POLICE ARE TICKETING TAILGATERS***

**SAFE PASSAGE**

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## **POLICE ARE WEEDING OUT TAILGATERS USING IMPROVED LASER TECHNOLOGY**

Tailgating is a major cause of traffic crashes in New Jersey. It's an intimidating, irritating and potentially deadly practice. We all pay the price for tailgaters – increased crashes, injuries and, all too often, the tragic and senseless loss of life.

To address this problem, police are utilizing new laser technology to identify and ticket tailgaters! Lasers measure the exact time and following distance between vehicles.

### **SLOW DOWN AND STAY BACK**

With increased traffic and more people in a hurry, tailgating has become a big problem. Rear-end crashes are far too common and the main cause is drivers following too closely. Tailgaters don't leave an adequate cushion of space to brake if the car ahead suddenly slows or stops.

The solution is to maintain a safe following distance. This gives drivers a better view of the road and surrounding traffic, allowing for adequate time to react.

What's a "safe" following distance? In good weather, at a minimum, a 2-second time delay is considered a safe distance between vehicles. If the road and/or weather aren't good, increase the distance to 4 or 5-seconds.

### **LEAVE MORE SPACE OR PAY THE PRICE**

Tailgating is dangerous and against the law. If you're stopped and ticketed, fines of \$140 or higher (depending on the speed you're traveling) will be assessed, along with 5 motor vehicle points.

**PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND MAINTAIN A SAFE FOLLOWING DISTANCE...  
THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN!**

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