

Share and be aware, travelling together safely



Give cyclists plenty of room Check for cyclists Give way to cyclists

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Guidelines for drivers sharing the road safely with cyclists

Cycling is an effective, healthy and environmentally friendly form of transport. The more people who ride, the better it is for everyone.

Cyclists are legitimate road users – they are as entitled to use the road as anyone else. They are vulnerable on the road and you need to be patient to give them room.

More than 1000 people are injured in crashes with a motor vehicle each year. Many more are involved in near misses and minor injuries. *That cyclist will be a son, daughter, father or mother who should be kept safe.*

ROAD RULES: The road rules are almost the same for drivers and cyclists with a few differences. More details on road rules can be found at www.rms.nsw.gov.au

- Cyclists are allowed to ride 2 abreast when riding on the road. They can ride faster than you think (30km/h or more).
- Look twice for cyclists at intersections and roundabouts. They can be hard to see. Cyclists may have to use the whole road/traffic lane to make themselves more visible to you. Allow them enough time to ride through the roundabout.
- Watch out for cyclists in residential streets. Children on off-road cycleways may not stop before entering the road. Drive slowly. Also watch for cyclists at driveways.
- Give cyclists a clearance of at least 1 metre when overtaking. Give way to the cyclist when pulling back in or when changing lanes or turning left. Signal when changing lanes.
- Check behind you every time for cyclists before opening your car door or leaving your parking space.
- Bicycle lanes are provided for the exclusive use of cyclists to increase their safety. Drivers are not permitted to drive in bicycle lanes unless:
 - they are passing a right turning vehicle; or
 - entering or leaving a car parking space or side street.
- Drivers may not drive in a bicycle lane for more than 50 metres and must give way to cyclists when crossing bicycle lanes.