

# Share and be aware, travelling together safely



## Follow the road rules

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## Guidelines for cyclists sharing the road safely with drivers

Cycling is an effective, healthy and environmentally friendly form of transport. The more people who ride their bicycles to work, to school and for recreation, the better it is for everyone.

Cyclists are permitted to ride on the road. Sharing the road means:

- obeying the road rules;
- being predictable; and
- respecting the right of others to use the road.

**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](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au)

- Wear light/ brightly coloured or reflective clothing.
- Use front and rear lights at night or in poor light.
- Give other road users plenty of warning if you need to change direction or make a right / left turn.
- Ride predictably.
- Scan the road at all times.
- Make eye contact with other road users and use your bell if necessary.
- Be aware of drivers' blind spots particularly at the side of the vehicle and next to their rear doors.
- Obey the road rules such as stopping at red traffic lights.
- Give way to motorists and pedestrians when they have right of way.
- Wear an Australian standard helmet.
- Bike riders may not ride more than 2 abreast unless overtaking.
- If there is a bike lane on a length of road going in the same direction you must use it.
- Don't try to pass left-turning vehicles, particularly at intersections.
- Allow at least 1 metre when passing parked cars and watch out for opening doors.
- Watch out for vehicles approaching from behind or pulling out in front of you.
- Ride a metre out from the kerb and maintain a straight line.