



Safety tips for motorists

The new Highway Code introduced in February 2022, sets out a hierarchy of responsibility to protect vulnerable road users. The Highway Code assigns drivers in control of bigger and more dangerous vehicles greater responsibility for ensuring the safety of more vulnerable road users.

For example, this means drivers of cars, vans and lorries are more likely than before to be held responsible for collisions with cyclists and pedestrians.

While on the road, being smart is more important than being just

- Look out for cyclists, especially when turning – make eye contact if possible so they know you have seen them.
- Use your indicators – signal your intentions so that cyclists can react.
- Give cyclists plenty of space when overtaking them, leaving at least 1.5 meters and preferably as much room as you would give a car. If there isn't sufficient space to pass, hold back.
- Remember that cyclists may need to manoeuvre suddenly if the road is poor, the weather is challenging or if a car door is opened.
- Always check for cyclists when you open your cab door.
- Advanced stop lines allow cyclists to get to the front and increase their visibility. You must stop at the first white line reached if the lights are amber or red and allow cyclists time and space to move off when the green signal shows.
- Follow the Highway Code including 'stop' and 'give way' signs and traffic lights.

Remember, each cyclist takes a car off the road, giving you and others more space, less congestion and air pollution and keeping our communities safer.

Want to try cycling? Learn more here:

- [Free cycle training](#) and [Cycle map](#)
- [Bike loan schemes](#) (including supporting equipment)
- [Discounted lights and locks](#)
- [Bike repair](#)