BIKE RIDER SAFETY

Your pictorial guide from RACQ and Bicycle Queensland
There are many places you can ride:

- Bike path or shared path
- Bikeway
- Road

Be visible to cars/motorists

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- Be aware that cars have bike blind spots.
- If you can’t see their eyes they can’t see you.

- Wear reflective clothing.
- Know your route.
- Plan your next move.
- Indecision can be dangerous.
Give way to pedestrians

Pedestrians can be unpredictable.

You need to stop before riding across a pedestrian crossing.

There are rules specifically for bikes on the road

A bike can go to the front of a queue at traffic lights.

Don’t overtake on the left of a car turning left.

Bikes are allowed to ride 2 abreast, and 3 abreast, but only when overtaking.
Roundabouts

- Use the left or right hand lane of roundabout as appropriate.
- When using the left lane, you must give way to exiting vehicles.
- If you can, take the whole lane on a single lane roundabout.

Follow the road rules

- Make sure your bike is safe.
- Service your bike regularly.
- Lights are mandatory from dusk till dawn.
- Wear an Australian Standards approved helmet.

Obey red lights.

Stop at stop signs.

When following a motor vehicle for more than 200m always leave at least a 2m gap.
When driving a car be aware of bikes

Don’t drive in the bike lane.

Look before opening your door.

Look for cyclists when exiting streets and driveways and give way just as you would for any other vehicle.

Bikes may be travelling faster than you think.

- Leave at least a 1m gap when passing a cyclist at 60km/hour or less.
- If it’s not safe, slow down and wait.

- With speed limits over 60km/hr, keep at least 1.5m between you and the rider.
- You may cross the double line when it is safe to do so.
Transitions

• Be aware bikes can move from the footpath to the road easily.
• Bike riders must give way to other vehicles when entering the roadway.

When turning into a side street, drivers must give way to bike riders and pedestrians crossing the street.

When crossing at a t-junction, bikes must give way to cars already at the intersection.

How to use a hook turn at an intersection with no lights

1. From the far left side of the road, move to the top of the intersection.
2. Wait for the intersection to clear of other vehicles.
3. When clear, cross the intersection to the right.
A joint message from Bicycle Queensland and RACQ.

- Bicycle Queensland supports advocacy for better cycling facilities.
- Get insurance for when you are riding your bike to protect yourself and others.
- Get advice and keep informed on all things cycling related.
- More info at: www.bq.org.au or 07 3844 1144

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