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## TIPS FOR SHARING THE ROAD WITH CYCLISTS

### 1. Give cyclists room

The Highway Code states that you should give cyclists at least as much room as you would a car. Please give people on bikes plenty of space.

### 2. Understand cyclist road positioning

Riding a 'door's width' from parked cars or centrally through pinch points means that some cyclists ride in the middle of the lane where they can be seen. They are not trying to annoy drivers.

### 3. Be patient

While many riders can keep up with the flow of traffic, please be patient with the less speedy and wait behind them till there is enough room to pass.

### 4. Overtake considerately

Give cyclists room when overtaking, overtake just a little bit faster than their speed, don't be tempted to 'squeeze' past as cyclists may need to swerve to avoid a hazard. Anticipate what is happening ahead before overtaking a person on bike. When approaching where there are traffic calming measures consider just hanging back.



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- 5. Look out when turning left**  
Watch out for cyclists undertaking and going straight ahead at a junction as you turn left. Look down the road and be aware of your blind spots. Let people on bikes on your inside go ahead. You may need to be patient.
- 6. Watch your door**  
Take a second look before getting out of your vehicle for riders nearside and be aware of your blind spots. Let people on bikes on your inside go ahead. Many inexperienced people ride close to parked cars.
- 7. Cut down on tooting**  
A blast of the horn directed at a cyclist is extremely loud and may unbalance some riders. Be considerate when tooting and only sound the horn (in line with the Highway Code) to warn of danger.
- 8. Give cyclists swerving room**  
Cyclists often need to swerve to avoid potholes, glass, oil etc. These road obstacles are sometimes not apparent to drivers.
- 9. Cyclists don't have to use bike lanes**  
Riders may be more visible out of a bike lane riding with the flow of traffic (for example, where the cycle lane is positioned too close to the mouth of a junction). Cyclists may move out of a bike lane to pass slower riders.
- 10. Understand cyclists better**  
The best way to know more about how to drive with cyclists is to have a go on a bicycle. If you haven't ridden for a while why not get a cycle lesson.



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