

TOP 10 TIPS FOR USING CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE



1. Be aware of hazards even when riding in dedicated cycling infrastructure

Be aware especially at junctions where drivers may be turning left across a cycle lane. Check behind on approach to junctions.



2. Remember, pedestrians always have priority on shared paths

Give pedestrians and slower cyclists room when overtaking. On shared paths pedestrians have priority. Only pass cyclists and pedestrians if you can give them plenty of space. Overtake slowly.

3. Avoid aggressive use of your bell

If you wish to pass someone walking ahead of you on a shared path consider saying 'excuse me', rather than ringing your bell which may startle them.

4. Understand who has priority if the cycle lane crosses a road

Make sure you know who goes first where a cycle lane crosses a road. If you have priority make eye contact with people using the road to ensure that they have seen you.



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5. Negotiate with other road users in shared spaces

It may not be clear who has priority in shared spaces or at unmarked junctions. Slow down, make eye contact/communicate with others.

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6. Ride at a speed appropriate to the environment

Ride slowly and anticipate behaviour particularly where pedestrians are likely to step onto the cycle lane to cross the road. Look out for pedestrians at low level cycle traffic signals and floating bus stops.



7. Think positioning, awareness and communication when using cycle lanes

Ride away from the kerb in the middle of the cycle lane to ensure faster riders give you enough space when overtaking. Check back to ensure riders behind have seen you and signal your intentions early.

8. Ensure that you understand new signs and road markings

Understand new signs and markings (such as the sign for 2 stage right turns) which may not be in The Highway Code. Familiarise yourself with signs that indicate spaces where you can share paths and pavements with walkers.

9. Use infrastructure to enhance your journey

You are not legally obliged to use cycle lanes. Risk assess your route to decide which infrastructure is best and offers a lower risk journey.

10. Get some riding skills training

Consider taking training that will cover cycling on-road and on new infrastructure.



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