



2022 Updates to the Highway Code

From 29 January 2022, The Highway Code will change. These advisory changes have been made to improve safety for people walking, cycling and horse riding. Every road user still has a responsibility to keep themselves and each other safe, and the changes mean being ready to give priority, leave space and be considerate of others.

In summary, no matter what your method of transport is, a new ranking of road users has been introduced to ensure those who can do the greatest harm have the greatest responsibility, to reduce the danger or threat they may pose to others.

Your operator will also have other helpful information. Please speak to your garage team if you have any questions or need further information.

Specifically, this now means:

- You should give people crossing and waiting to cross priority, when turning in and out of junctions. [Be aware of other vehicles waiting to turn in front of you, as they may brake quickly.]
- You should also give cyclists going straight ahead priority, when turning in and out of junctions. [Again, be aware of other vehicles waiting to turn in front of you, as they may brake quickly.]
- You should leave at least 1.5 metres when overtaking people cycling at speeds of up to 30mph, and give them more space when overtaking at higher speeds. [See pages 71-73 of the Big Red Book].
- When driving, you should pass horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles at speeds under 10 mph and allow at least 2 metres of space
- You should allow at least 2 metres of space and keep to a low speed when passing a pedestrian who is walking in the road
- People may cycle in the centre of the lane or two abreast for their own safety, whilst allowing others to overtake when it is safe for them to do so
- Car users should open their doors with the hand furthest from the door, to help them look over their shoulder to see cyclists or pedestrians nearby
- These changes can also be viewed in full by visiting:
www.gov.uk/dft/highway-code-changes

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