

Road users urged to be 'bike smart'

Drivers are urged to pay extra attention to people who cycle or ride motorcycles. We all share the responsibility for road safety, whether as a motorist, motorcyclist, cyclist or pedestrian.

Advice for drivers

The [Highway Code](#) provides specific advice to drivers on how to [take extra care](#) around those on two wheels.

In particular, give cyclists and motorcyclists at least as much room as you would when overtaking a car.

A bike is much harder to see than a car – so extra effort and a greater level of awareness are needed where bikes are concerned.

When you're driving, look out for riders:

- when turning right
- when emerging from junctions
- when overtaking

Drivers also need to:

- slow down
- pay greater attention to their surroundings
- never drive after drinking or taking drugs
- always wear a seatbelt

There is further information at this link:

Advice for cyclists and motorcyclists

Cyclists and motorcyclists are extremely vulnerable on the roads. When involved in a road collision, their injuries tend to be more severe.

Before they take to the road, they should make sure that they can be seen with appropriate clothing and lighting.

They (as well as pedestrians) need to be aware of their surroundings and, particularly at this time of year, make every effort to be seen by wearing reflective or hi-vis clothing.

Motobike riders also need to:

- slow down
- pay greater attention to their surroundings
- never ride a motorbike after drinking or taking drugs

You can get more useful advice on the [rules and advice for drivers and riders page](#).

More useful links