

Your rights on a bike

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The Highway Code (HC) says:

- You have the same right to use the road as every other road user. All road users (including drivers) should show each other consideration.
- You have the right to at least as much space on the road as a car.
- As a 'vulnerable road user', you have the right to 'careful and considerate' treatment from drivers.
- Cycle lanes are for cycles. Cars must not drive or park in a cycle lane marked by a solid white line during its times of operation.
- The use of cycle lanes is not compulsory. They are there for your safety and convenience.



Our advice:

- Be confident but courteous.
- Ride with pride; cycling is part of the solution, not part of the problem.



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Your responsibilities on a bike

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The Highway Code (HC) says:

- You must obey the rules of the road, including all signs and red lights.
- You must not cycle on a pavement. You could be fined if you do.
- You and your bike must be in a fit and proper condition to ride safely on the road.
- You must have lights and reflectors when riding at night.
- You should be careful and considerate of other road users, especially pedestrians on shared routes.



Our advice:

- Bike polite; a little courtesy goes a long way.
- Cycle with a smile and be an ambassador for the bike.
- Stick to the rules of the road; they're for your safety too.



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