

BIKE RIDERS – YOUR RULES

WEARING A BIKE HELMET

You, and any passenger you are carrying, must wear an approved, correctly fitted and fastened bike helmet at all times.

[RULE 256](#)

EQUIPMENT ON A BIKE

Your bike must:

- have at least one effective brake; and
- have a bell, horn or similar warning device in working order.

When riding at night, or in weather conditions with reduced visibility, you must display on your bike or on yourself:

- a flashing or steady white light on the front of the bike that can be seen for at least 200 metres; and
- a flashing or steady red light on the rear of the bike that can be seen for at least 200 metres; and
- a reflector on the rear of the bike that can be seen for at least 50 metres when a vehicle's headlights shine on it.

[RULE 258, 259](#)

BIKE LANES

You must ride your bike in a bike lane unless it is impracticable to do so.

[RULE 247](#)

RIDING ON THE FOOTPATH

You can ride your bike on the footpath, unless prohibited by a 'NO BICYCLES' sign.

You must give way to pedestrians and ride in a manner that does not inconvenience or endanger others.

[RULE 250](#)

OVERTAKING ON THE LEFT

You can overtake slow moving or stationary vehicles on the left, but do not overtake on the left if the other vehicle is giving a left change of direction signal.

[RULE 141](#)

RIDING TWO ABREAST

You can ride alongside another bike rider, but not more than 1.5 metres apart.

[RULE 151](#)

CARRYING PEOPLE ON A BIKE

You must not carry passengers on a bike unless the bike is designed to carry more than one person, or has a specially mounted seat for the passenger to sit.

For example, a single-seat bike with a child's seat attached is designed to carry 2 people, one on the bike seat and one on the attached child's seat.

[RULE 246](#)

BIKES BEING TOWED

You must not ride on a bike that is being towed by another vehicle, or hold onto another vehicle while the vehicle is moving.

[RULE 254](#)

RIDING TOO CLOSE TO THE REAR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

You must not ride your bike within 2 metres of the rear of a moving motor vehicle continuously for more than 200 metres.

[RULE 255](#)

MOTORBIKES– YOUR RULES

WEAR A HELMET

You, and any passenger you are carrying, must wear an approved, correctly fitted and fastened motorbike helmet at all times.

The approved standard for motorbike helmets is Australian Standard - AS 1698.

[RULE 270](#)

CARRYING PASSENGERS

A child under the age of eight years cannot be carried as a pillion passenger on a motorbike. They may only be carried in a sidecar and all sidecar passengers must be safely seated at all times that the motorcycle is moving.

[RULE 271](#)

RIDING TWO ABREAST

You can ride alongside another motorbike rider, but not more than 1.5 metres apart.

[RULE 151](#)

ANIMALS

You must not carry an animal on the petrol tank of a motorbike, or on your lap (except a farm animal, such as a sheep dog, can be carried for up to 500 metres).

[RULE 301](#)

NO LANE FILTERING OR SPLITTING

You must not overtake on the left side of another vehicle in the same lane, or ride up the middle of two lanes of slow moving or stationary vehicles.

[RULE 141](#)

LEFT TURN SQUEEZE

On a multi lane road, large or very long motor vehicles can legally turn left from the right hand lane. You must not ride your motorbike up the left lane to cut in front of a turning vehicle, as your motorbike will remain unseen in a large vehicles blind spot.

[RULE 28](#)

PEDESTRIANS– YOUR RULES

CROSSING THE ROAD

You must always cross a road using the infrastructure in place, always use:

- traffic lights;
- pedestrian crossings (zebra crossings);
- children’s crossings;
- pedestrian refuges;
- a traffic island or median strip; or
- be patient and wait for a safe break in the traffic before crossing the road.

Never cross the road within 20 metres of a pedestrian crossing – this is J walking.

[RULE 231](#)

WALKING ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

You must walk on a footpath or nature strip if one is available, if you have to walk on the shoulder of the road, you must ensure it is facing oncoming traffic, unless it is impractical to do so.

[RULE 238](#)

USING TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS

When crossing a road at you must:

- Push the button on the traffic signal pole to register that you wish to cross the road;
- Wait for the lights to change – do not cross if there is a stationary red figure;
- Cross the road when a green walking figure appears (always check that drivers are actually stopping for their red light);
- Complete your crossing when the lights change to a flashing red figure (drivers are required to give way to pedestrians during this phase); and
- Do not begin crossing on a red flashing signal; you must wait for the next green signal.

[RULE 231](#)

NOTE: DRIVERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO GIVE WAY TO PEDESTRIANS AT ROUNDABOUTS.

MOTORISTS– YOUR RULES

GETTING OUT OF THE CAR

You must not cause a hazard to any person or vehicle (including a bike rider) by opening a door, or leaving a door of a vehicle open, as you get in or out.

[RULE 269](#)

GIVE WAY TO PEDESTRIANS

- When approaching a pedestrian crossing, you must drive at a speed at which you can safely stop at the crossing.

[RULE 81](#)

- When you are turning at an intersection, you must give way to pedestrians crossing the road you are turning into.

[RULE 62, 67](#)

GIVING WAY WHEN ENTERING A ROAD

When leaving a driveway, car park or road related area, you must give way to:

- vehicle travelling on the road or turning into the road;
- any pedestrian on the road; and
- any vehicle or pedestrian on any road-related area that the driver crosses to enter the road.

[RULE 74](#)

NO PEOPLE OR ANIMALS ON YOUR LAP

You must not drive a pet or your child on your lap.

[RULE 269](#)

CAUTION AROUND HORSES

You must give way to "restive" horses, which means animals refusing to move, or that are difficult to control on the road.

If the rider of a horse gives a signal, by raising a hand and pointing to the horse, the driver must steer his vehicle as far to the left side of the road as possible, turn off the engine and not move again until the horse is far enough away not to be aggravated

[RULE 361](#)