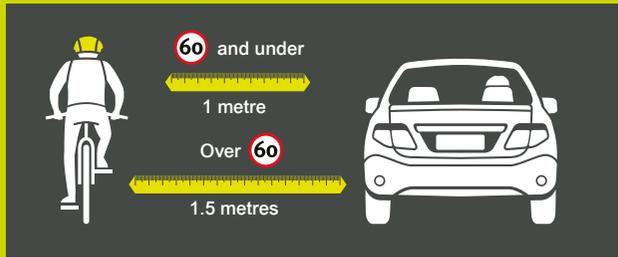


Motorists be aware

Stay wider of the rider 1m when passing a bicycle rider in a 60km/h or less speed zone or 1.5m where the speed limit is over 60km/h.

Brake and wait until it is safe to pass.

Check for bicycle riders before opening your car door, or when changing lanes.



Bicycle riders be seen

Obey the rules The same road rules apply whether you are on a bicycle or in a motor vehicle. Stop at the lights, use hand signals, and wear a helmet.

Be considerate Only ride two abreast when it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Be visible Wear bright clothing, and have lights and reflectors when riding at night.

Be assertive Communicate clearly by using hand signals, make eye contact with motorists, and ride in a predictable line.

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share our roads



Drivers and riders
working together





Why our roads need bicycle symbols

Sunshine Coast Council encourages all forms of active, healthy and environmentally-friendly transport. Bicycle riders on roads are required to follow the same road rules as other motorists.

One way Council is making our roads safer is by using white, green and yellow bicycle symbols and lanes to improve safety for bicycle riders.

For the safety of cyclists and motorists it is vital that we all understand the symbols and share the road accordingly.



White bicycle symbols – for bicycles only

Bicycle lanes marked with a white bicycle symbol are for the use of bicycles only. The following rules apply:

- Motor vehicles may use the lane for 50 metres prior to turning.
- Drivers should not park or drive in bicycle lanes unless turning.
- Road rules allow cyclists to choose if they wish to ride in the bicycle lane or not.



Green lanes - for bicycles only

Green lanes are used where there is a greater safety risk to cyclists, such as at intersections and roundabouts:

- Drivers must pay extra attention where green paint is used as cyclists may need to cross the path of turning traffic.
- Drivers need to ensure that they give cyclists enough room and that they do not cut-off cyclists when moving outside lanes to turn.



Yellow bike symbols - cars and cyclists share

When there isn't enough space on the road for a bicycle lane, yellow bicycle symbols are used to remind road users that cyclists and motorists are sharing the road. The following rules apply:

- Drivers should not overtake cyclists in these zones until there is enough room to safely pass or until the road widens.
- When the symbol sits in the centre of the traffic lane, cyclists can use the entire lane.
- Drivers need to be aware that cyclists should ride at least one metre from parked vehicles to avoid being hit by opening doors.



Did you know?

When it is safe to do so:

- Bicycle riders can use the whole lane on a single lane roundabout, just as any other vehicle would.
- When overtaking a bicycle rider, motorists can:
 - drive over centre lines (including double unbroken centre lines) on a two-way road.
 - straddle or cross a lane marking (including a continuous line) on a multi-lane road
 - drive on a painted island.

