

## How to be a safe pathway user

Shared paths are provided for people walking, cycling and scooting.

Queensland Law states that bicycles, skateboards, scooters, roller blades, prams, wheelchairs and mobility scooters can be used on any path unless otherwise signed.

### The following tips will help you to be a safe pathway user

- Be aware of your surroundings and ride/scoot carefully, especially in busy pedestrian areas.
- Keep to the left of the pathway and on designated crossings.
- Give way to pedestrians.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Use your voice, bell or horn when passing. The law requires bikes to be fitted with a bell, horn or similar warning device.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Keep at least one hand on the handle bars at all times.
- Always give hand signals to indicate what you're about to do.
- Don't double anyone (unless your bike is properly set to carry a second person e.g. child seat, tandem).
- Avoid riding at night, but if you need to, you must have a front and rear light that can be seen for at least 200m.
- Ride or scoot with a friend or a family member when you can.
- Watch for cars when crossing driveways, and if they don't see you, brake and wait.
- Be safe and visible by wearing brightly coloured clothing when possible.
- Be considerate and allow space for other pathway users. When stopping to chat or enjoy the scenery, move off the path so others can move past.
- Be predictable by walking, scooting or skating in a smooth line.
- Keep dogs on a short leash, on your left.

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