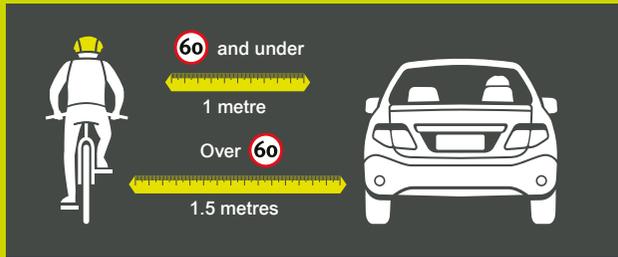


## Motorists be aware

**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.



# share our roads

### For more information

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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.

