



OTHER ROAD USERS



Did you know?

- In 2019, there were 60 fatalities involving vans and vulnerable road users.
- 62% of cyclists killed or seriously injured were involved in collisions at, or near, a road junction.
- Post collision, drivers could face financial claims from a vulnerable road user covering their loss of wages, medical expenses and any recovery treatment.



When overtaking motorcyclists, cyclists, horse riders, horse drawn vehicles and pedestrians in the road, allow them at least as much room as you would when overtaking a car.

Drivers should check blind spots frequently and whenever turning left or going round roundabouts to watch for other road users.

At a junction, drivers should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which the driver is turning, and never cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse drawn vehicles going ahead when they are turning into or out of a junction.

Drivers should ensure their mirrors are accurately set to maximise their visibility.

Best practice tips:

- Be patient and give others time and room.
- Watch your speed.
- Expect to encounter different road users i.e. horse riders in rural locations.
- Be ready for others to make mistakes.
- Do not get distracted by using a mobile phone while driving.
- Concentrate on your driving.



Drivers should always be mindful of other road users, especially those who are vulnerable due to a lack of protection. Vulnerable road users include:

Pedestrians – especially children can walk into the road with little warning. Over 30 child pedestrians are killed or seriously injured each week. Drive with extra care in shopping and in residential areas.

Cyclists – Drivers should give way to any cyclists in a cycle lane, and not cut across them when turning or changing lanes. Always be prepared to stop and wait for a safe gap in a flow of cyclists before crossing the cycle lane.



Motorcyclists and moped riders – are more difficult to spot at night where their light is obscured by other vehicles' lights. Be extra cautious when moving out of a junction.

Disabled, elderly and inexperienced drivers – make allowances for older drivers and disabled drivers as their reactions may be slower, or they may simply need more time than other drivers.

Animals – do not scare animals by sounding the horn, revving the engine, or accelerating rapidly after passing them.