



Rules for Bike Riders

Riders must obey the same rules as other vehicles. The most common rules include those applying to traffic control lights, stop signs, careless and reckless riding, and keeping left. Riders must be compliant with Government of Western Australia, Dept of Transport, Cycling Rules [Gov WA DOT Cycling Rules](#) Riders can access a full version of the Road Traffic Act 1974 and the Road Traffic Code 2000 at their library or on the State Law Publisher's website.

Specific Rules for Riders:

- Must wear an approved helmet while in motion.
- Must not ride within two metres of the rear of a motor vehicle, over a distance of more than 200 metres.
- Must give way to pedestrians at all times (pedestrians include people walking, using motorised and non- motorised wheelchairs, and people on rollerblades and skates).
- Must signal intention to turn and give way to motor vehicles entering or exiting an intersecting road, at shared path intersections.
- Must travel in single file on all paths, but can travel two abreast on a road.
- Must not ride carelessly or recklessly. Riding recklessly includes riding at a speed that places other riders and pedestrians at risk.
- Must not overtake on the left side of a motor vehicle if that motor vehicle is indicating or appears to be turning left, except for locations such as traffic lights where motor vehicles are stationary at a red light.



- Must use bike lanes whenever practicable. Bike lanes are indicated by a special sign. If there is no designated bicycle lane or the bicycle lane is not in good working order, then rider is permitted to travel within the carriageway.
- Must not unreasonably obstruct or prevent free passage of a vehicle or pedestrian upon a path or road. Riding slower than other vehicles is not considered an obstruction.
- Roundabouts:
 - Straight Through: Must approach in either lane. Must not signal on approach. Must stay in the same lane all the way through. Must signal left just prior to the exit.
 - Turning Right: Must approach in right lane, signal right on approach, continue signal until near required exit and then signal left to exit. Must give way to traffic on roundabout at exit that rider needs to cross over to complete the right turn.
 - Turning Left: Must approach in the left lane signal left on the approach and continue to signal until the roundabout is exited.