

Highway Code Changes 2022



From Saturday 29th January, changes in the Highway Code take effect which aim to improve road safety for vulnerable road users.



A survey by the AA found that only 1 in 3 drivers are aware of the changes.

Make sure you know the changes taking place.

Three main changes to the code

Rule H1: new hierarchy of road users

Drivers of vehicles that can cause the greatest harm in the event of a collision bear the greatest responsibility to take care and reduce the danger to others. This principle applies most strongly to drivers of HGVs, LGVs, cars/taxis and motorcycles. Cyclists and horse riders likewise have a responsibility to reduce danger to pedestrians.

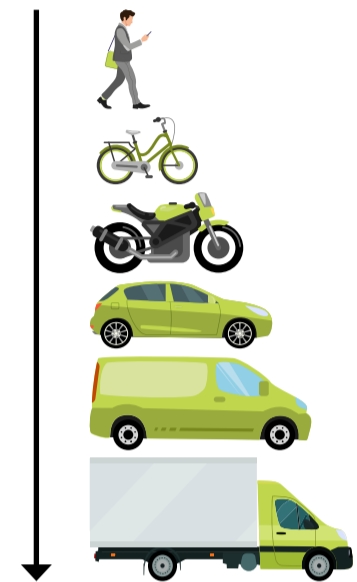
Rule H2: new priority for pedestrians at junctions

At a junction, drivers, motorcyclists, horse riders and cyclists should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning. You should give way to pedestrians waiting to cross a zebra crossing (currently you only have to give way if they're already on the crossing), and to pedestrians and cyclists waiting to cross a parallel crossing.

Rule H3: new priority for cyclists when cars are turning

You should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse drawn vehicles going ahead when you are turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane. This applies whether they are using a cycle lane, a cycle track, or riding ahead on the road and you should give way to them. Do not turn at a junction if to do so would cause the cyclist, horse rider or horse drawn vehicle going straight ahead to stop or swerve. You should stop and wait for a safe gap in the flow of cyclists if necessary.

Hierarchy of Road Users



Old rule: Vehicles have priority in junctions		New rule: Give way to pedestrians at junctions	
Old rule: Road position was previously not mentioned in the code		New rule: Ride in the centre of the lane to make yourself visible in certain situations	

Familiarise yourself with the impending changes

THE FIVE HIGHWAY CODE CHANGES ON DRIVING NEAR CYCLISTS

1. Cycle in centre of the lane
2. Cyclists should ride two abreast
3. Drivers should give 5ft when overtaking cyclist
4. Cyclists not obliged to use cycle lanes even when they're present
5. Cyclists either side of vehicle have priority when cars are turning

For more information, [click here](#).