

# BICYCLE REFERENCE GUIDE

## Where can cyclists ride?



**Footpath**  
See below for details.



**Shared path**



**Road**  
Riders may need to cycle in the middle of the lane.



**Bus lane**  
Riders can use the bus lane, but not a BUS ONLY lane.



**Bicycle lane**  
Riders must use a marked bicycle lane if available, unless impractical to do so, ie. fallen tree or parked vehicle.

A marked bicycle lane has a

sign

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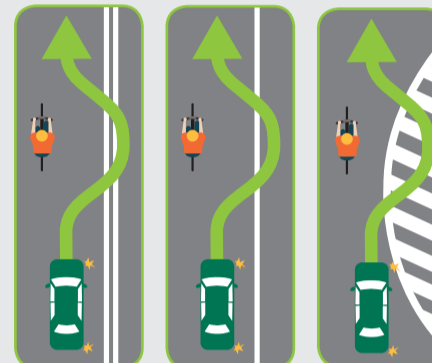
white painted symbol plus word LANE

**Not all painted bicycle symbols on the road represent bicycle lanes, but can be suggested bike routes.**

## Minimum passing distance law

**Give 1m**  
when road limit is **60 km/h & under**

**Give 1.5m**  
when road limit is **over 60 km/h**



Exemptions permit motorists to:

- Cross lines (double, unbroken centre lines included)
- Straddle lane lines
- Drive on painted islands

but **ONLY** if it is safe to do so.

## Riding two abreast



Riding two abreast is legal in NSW however bike riders must cycle within 1.5 metres of each other.

A third rider can overtake these two riders, but cannot continue to ride beside them.

## Who must wear a helmet?

✓ **All bike riders, required by law.**

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## Who can ride on footpaths in NSW?



Children under the age of 16 and parents with children in child carriers.



An adult (18 or over) supervising a child under 16.



A person who has a medical certificate.

## Must bike riders carry ID?

No, but carrying ID with you is a good idea in case of an emergency.

## Why there is no registration for bike riders

Registration and Compulsory Third Party (CTP) fees are for vehicles requiring inspections. Riders help pay for roads through council fees and taxes.



In the event of an accident, all Bicycle NSW Members have

- public liability
- third party property
- personal accident insurance



**We encourage all riders to join our family.**

