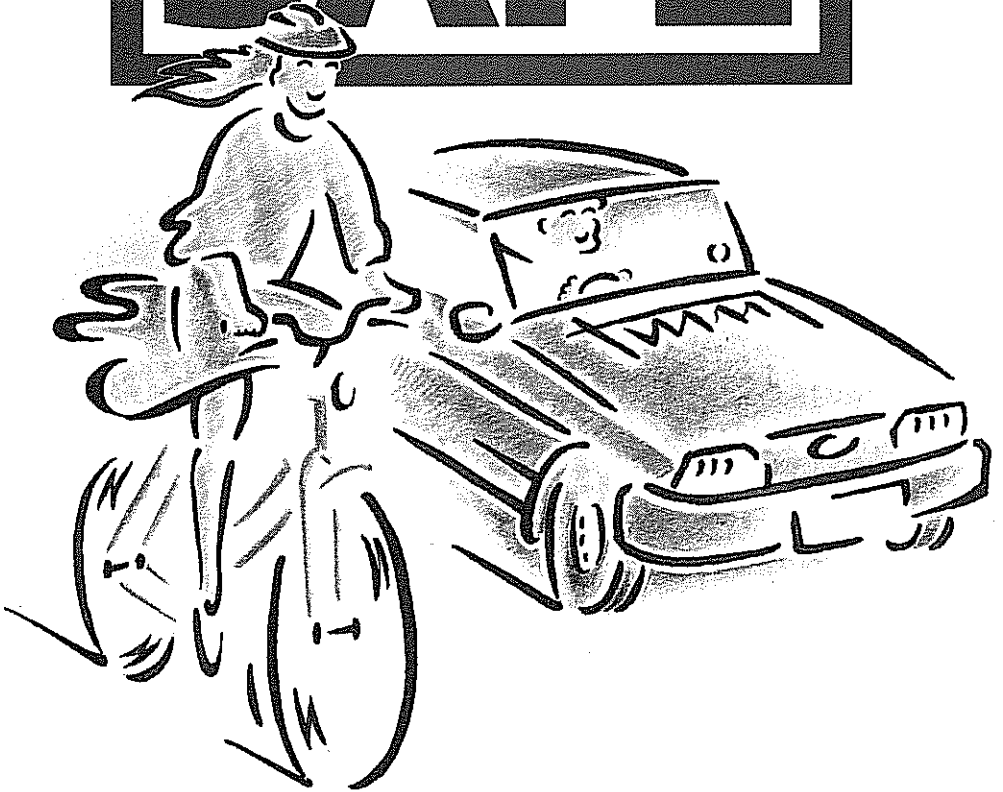


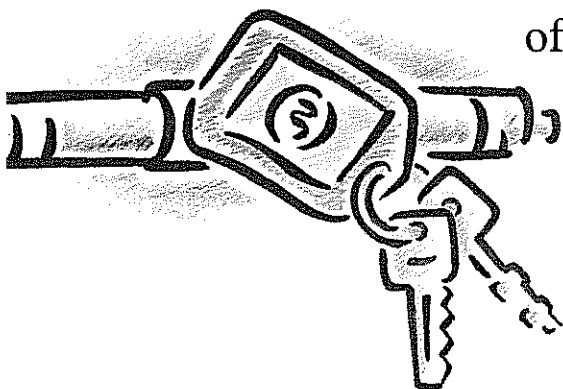
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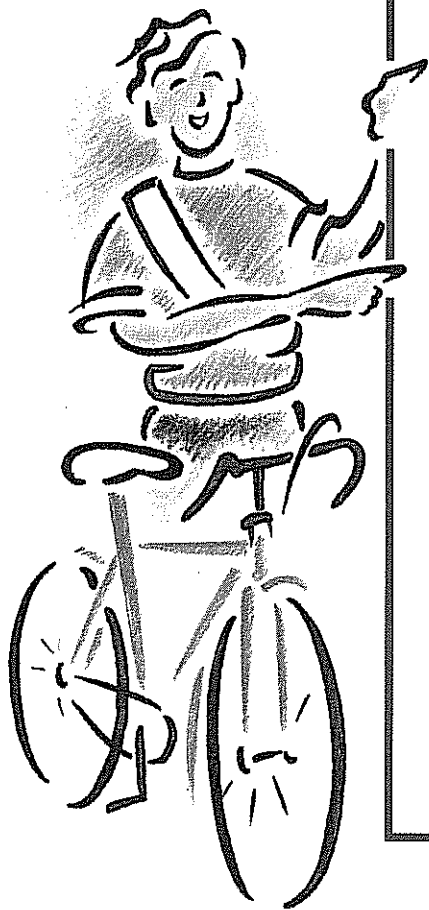
Motorists and cyclists both have a right to use Britain's roads - a right to safe and enjoyable travel. Both share a responsibility to understand each other's needs - and to respond positively.

This leaflet aims to make motorists and cyclists more aware of one another, and to counter the intolerance that can develop between them - in short, to establish a climate of mutual courtesy

and care.



WHAT CYCLISTS WOULD LIKE MOTORISTS TO KNOW



① Cyclists **are more vulnerable** than motorists - drivers have the major responsibility to take care. Rain, wind and poor visibility make conditions worse for cyclists.

② Cyclists **can feel threatened by inconsiderate driving**. They have a **right to space** on the road and need extra room at junctions and roundabouts where cars change speed, position and direction.

③ Cyclists **ride away from the kerb**, not to annoy motorists but to:

- avoid drains, potholes and debris
- be seen as they come to junctions with side roads
- discourage drivers from squeezing past where it's too narrow

④ Cyclists **turning right are exposed** - and need extra consideration from motorists, especially on multi-lane roads with fast-moving traffic.

⑤ Cyclists **can be forced into faster traffic** - by vehicles parked in cycle lanes, at junctions or on double yellow lines.

⑥ Cyclists **are dazzled** by full-beam headlights, like everyone else.

⑦ Cyclists **can be fast movers** - 20mph or more.

WHAT MOTORISTS CAN DO

① **Think bike.** Expect to see cyclists, and take care.

② **Slow down and drive smoothly. Keep within speed limits. Expect sudden movements** by cyclists, especially in windy weather and on bad road surfaces.

Signal: always at roundabouts
every time you pass a cyclist

Watch for riders on the inside when you turn left. Don't cut them up.

③ **Give cyclists space** - at least half a car's width - and never force past them. **Be patient** - a few seconds for a cyclist hardly affects your total journey time.

④ **Right-turning cyclists need space and time.**

⑤ **Park considerably. Always look for cyclists** before opening a car door.

⑥ **Use dipped headlights.**

⑦ **Expect speed** from bikes. Think of a bike as a vehicle - it is.



WHAT MOTORISTS WOULD LIKE CYCLISTS TO KNOW

① Motorists **get upset if cyclists ride without lights** at night, ignore red traffic lights or hop on and off the pavement.

② Motorists **usually travel faster than cyclists** and may have less time to take account of hazards.

③ Motorists **may not always see cyclists**.

④ Motorists **are made uneasy when cyclists seem hesitant**, move out suddenly or wobble around potholes.

⑤ Motorists can **feel delayed by cyclists**.

⑥ Motorists **don't always understand** that some road surfaces, junctions or traffic conditions cause problems for cyclists.



WHAT CYCLISTS CAN DO

1 Follow The Highway Code.

Don't:

- jump red lights
- ride on pavements (unless they are shared paths)
- ride the wrong way in one-way streets (unless signs say that cyclists are permitted to do so)
- ride across pedestrian crossings

2 **Think ahead.** Anticipate drivers' actions. Catch their eye.

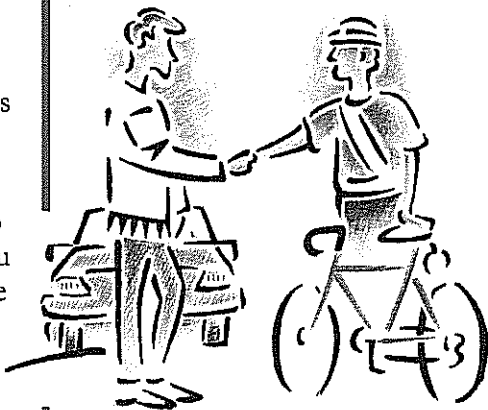
3 **Be visible.** Ride well clear of the kerb, wear bright clothing, and always use lights after dark or in poor day-time visibility.

4 **Show drivers what you plan to do.** Always look and signal before you start, stop or turn. Ride a straight line past parked cars rather than dodge between them.

5 **Move over, when it's safe and convenient.** Two-abreast is often OK, but try not to hold up other traffic.

6 **Ride positively and decisively.** It helps motorists to understand what you plan to do.

Mutual respect and consideration make for safer and more enjoyable travel. Always acknowledging a courtesy does make a difference.



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