



## Bicycles are becoming an increasingly common sight on our roads. So what do we need to do as drivers to ensure that we are all sharing the road safely?

### The law requires that motorists:

- Give cyclists a wide berth when overtaking; by law you must allow at least a metre when passing a cyclist on a 60km/h or slower road, and one and a half metres when overtaking a cyclist on a road over 60km/h.
- Can legally cross over a single or double solid white line or painted median in order to pass a cyclist or cyclists, provided you have a clear view of the road ahead, there is no oncoming traffic, and you leave the minimum overtaking clearance distance for the speed of the road you are driving on.
- Do not stop or park in bicycle lanes when they are in operation. They are for the exclusive use of cyclists. Bicycle lanes are operational at all times, unless otherwise stated on a sign.
- Give way to cyclists and pedestrians when entering and exiting driveways – be aware that cyclists could be riding on the footpath.
- Give way to cyclists riding in bike lanes when turning left to enter or leave a road. In a situation where there is no bike lane, the cyclist must give way to a vehicle indicating to turn left that has already commenced its turn.
- Are allowed to use a bicycle lane in certain conditions such as entering or leaving roads, or to avoid a vehicle turning right or making a U-turn. Motorists cannot travel in the bicycle lane for more than 50m.
- At intersections where there are areas for cyclists called bike boxes, designed for cyclists to wait for the signals to change, motorists must not stop their vehicle in this area and must allow cyclists to move off first.
- When parked, always check for cyclists (and other vehicles) before opening the door. Also ensure that passengers do the same, particularly where there are marked bicycle lanes.
- Ensure that when attaching a bicycle rack to a motor vehicle, the rack and any bicycle on the rack does not obscure the rear number-plate of the vehicle. We recommend attaching an approved number-plate to the rack to ensure the registration number is visible when bikes are being carried.

The South Australian Road Traffic Act and The Road Traffic Regulations (including the Australian Road rules) define the rules and responsibilities for all road users.

This legislation can be accessed from [www.legislation.sa.gov.au](http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au).