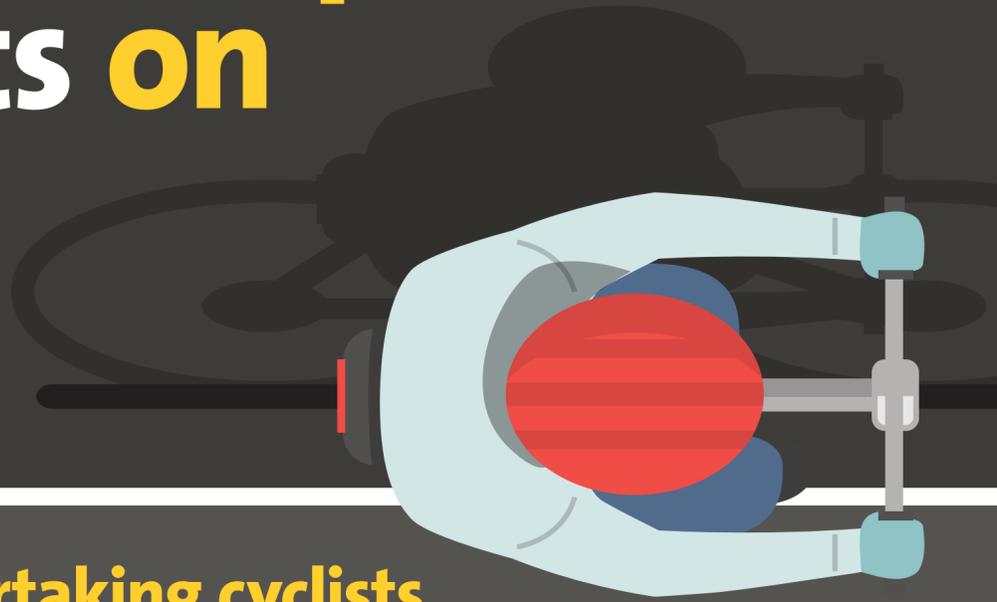
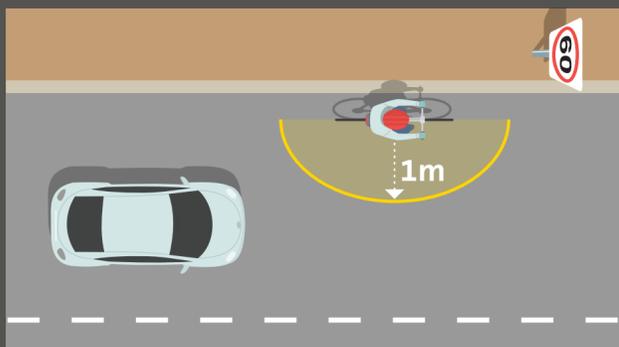


From 1 November 2015 a trial of new road rules will commence to improve safety for cyclists on our roads.



Minimum passing distance for overtaking cyclists



Why make these changes?

Cyclists have less protection than motorists and are more likely to be injured or killed if a crash happens.

The minimum overtaking rule will educate drivers about what constitutes a safe lateral distance when overtaking cyclists and assist in addressing the number of rear end and side swipe crashes.

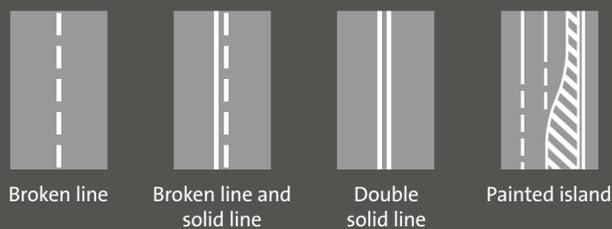
The rule in a snapshot

- When driving a car you must provide a minimum lateral distance of 1 metre when overtaking a cyclist in speed zones at or below 60km/h and 1.5 metres in speed zones above 60km/h.
- The distance is measured from the right most part of the bicycle or rider to the leftmost part of the motor vehicle (or anything projecting at a height that could strike the bicycle or trailer eg. mirror).

- To enable drivers to provide the minimum overtaking distances on narrow roads or roads with narrow lanes, motorists will be allowed to cross centre lines, straddle lane-lines and drive on painted islands, provided the driver has a clear view of any approaching traffic and that it is safe to do so.
- Drivers who fail to comply with the rule may be issued a \$236 fine and accrue two demerit points.

What if I can't provide the minimum distance?

Where there is no clear view ahead or it is not safe to provide the minimum overtaking distance, motorists will need to slow down behind the cyclist and wait until it is safe to pass.



Riding across crossings

Why make these changes?

The change to allow cyclists to ride across pedestrian crossings is intended to provide amenity for cyclists, without compromising safety for cyclists and any other road user.

The rule in a snapshot

- When riding a bicycle you will be able to ride slowly across pedestrian crossings, including at traffic lights, at no more than 10km/h.
- You must slow to 10km/h on the approach to the crossing and check for any approaching traffic and be prepared to stop. This is to allow motorists to see and respond to you before you make the crossing.
- You must keep to the left of the crossing and give way to any pedestrians on the crossing.
- You may be issued a traffic infringement notice for failing to comply with the road rule, including failing to slow on the approach to the crossing and check for approaching traffic. The penalty for each of these offences will be \$118.

