

Highway Code for Cyclists

There are a number of acts that cyclist must or must not do and these are a legal requirement. If you disobey you are committing a criminal offence:

- At night the cycle must have a white front and red rear lights lit.
- Cycle must be fitted with a red rear reflector and amber on the pedal if manufactured after 1/10/85
- Flashing lights are permitted but recommended that in areas with no street lights use a steady front light
- When using segregated tracks i.e. pedestrian and cycle lane, the cyclist must keep to the side intended for cyclists as the pedestrian side remains a pavement or footpath.
- The cyclist must not cycle on the pavement.
- The cyclist must not :
- Carry a passenger unless the cycle has been built or adapted to do so
- Hold onto a moving vehicle or trailer
- Ride in a dangerous, careless or inconsiderate manner
- Ride when under the influence of drink or drugs including medicine.
- The cyclist must obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals
- The cyclist must not cross the stop line when the traffic lights are red.
- On cycle only crossings ie cycle tracks on opposite sides of the road linked by a signalled crossing you may ride across but you must not cross until the green cycle symbol is showing.

A further section in the annexes

- You must ensure that your brakes are efficient
- At night use lights as defined above.

It is recommended that you fit a bell!