

General tips for cyclists

- Hand signals are essential when indicating.
- Be courteous to other road users – they will do the same for you.
- Always wear a helmet – it's the law.
- Watch for people opening car doors into your path.
- Don't wear headphones as you may not hear a vehicle coming up behind you.
- Cyclists should use a headlight and red tail light at night.
- Wear brightly coloured or reflective clothing.
- Cyclists are generally prohibited from riding on footpaths. However, slow cyclists may pull off the road and stop on the footpath to avoid holding up traffic trying to pass.

You can find more information about the road code and how to share the road on the Land Transport NZ website:

www.landtransport.govt.nz/roadcode

Auckland City Council's parking services enforces regulations prohibiting driving and parking on bus lanes during the hours they operate. The New Zealand Police also enforces regulations prohibiting driving in bus lanes.

Using bus lanes safely

A guide for motorists, motorcyclists and cyclists

Find out more: phone 09 379 2020
or visit www.aucklandcity.govt.nz



General rules for bus lanes

- Bus lanes are for buses, motorcycles, bicycles, and emergency vehicles only. However, some bus lanes are exclusively for buses. These are clearly sign posted.
- Cars may use bus lanes only in the circumstances outlined in the section 'Information for car drivers on how to use bus lanes' (opposite).
- These signs (right) indicate a bus lane.
- Bus lanes operate during the hours indicated on the sign. If no hours are indicated, the lane operates 24 hours a day.
- You will find these road markings (right) where a bus lane starts.
- Some bus lanes are not green and are only indicated by signs and road markings. Some 24-hour bus lanes have only road markings.



Using bus lanes

Information for cyclists on how to use bus lanes

- Ride in a straight line and try to keep to the left of the lane.
- Try to move around road hazards without swerving suddenly.
- Avoid riding two or more abreast, particularly if a bus is trying to pass.
- Be courteous to other road users and allow buses to pass where possible.
- Watch for buses pulling out of bus stops:
 - look to see if the bus is indicating to pull out
 - if it is, do not try to pass it
 - try to establish eye contact with the driver.
- Watch for buses pulling into bus stops:
 - be extremely cautious about passing on the left of a bus
 - the driver may move suddenly to the left when approaching a bus stop.
- Scan the road and listen for buses behind you:
 - learn to look over your shoulder without losing balance to see if a car or a bus is behind you.
- Watch out for cars or buses coming out of or turning into side streets:
 - even though you have the right of way, the driver may not have seen you
 - try to establish eye contact with the driver.

Information for car drivers on how to use bus lanes

- Vehicles other than buses, motorcycles, bicycles and emergency vehicles may only use a shared bus lane to enter or exit a side street or driveway.
- When entering or exiting a side street or driveway you may only drive for 50 metres in the bus lane before turning or merging.
- Parking and stopping in bus lanes during the hours of operation is prohibited.
- Existing parking restrictions apply outside hours of bus lane operation. Always check signs before parking or leaving your vehicle.