

Highway Code Changes 2022



From Saturday 29th January 2022, changes in the Highway Code take effect which aim to improve road safety for vulnerable road users.



A survey by the AA found that only 1 in 3 drivers are aware of the changes.

Keeping the roads safe is a responsibility we all share, and complying with the latest information contained within the Highway Code can help us to do this.

Three main changes to the code

Rule H1: new hierarchy of road users

Drivers of vehicles that can cause the greatest harm in the event of a collision bear the greatest responsibility to take care and reduce the danger to others. This principle applies most strongly to drivers of HGVs, LGVs, cars/taxis and motorcycles. Cyclists and horse riders likewise have a responsibility to reduce danger to pedestrians.

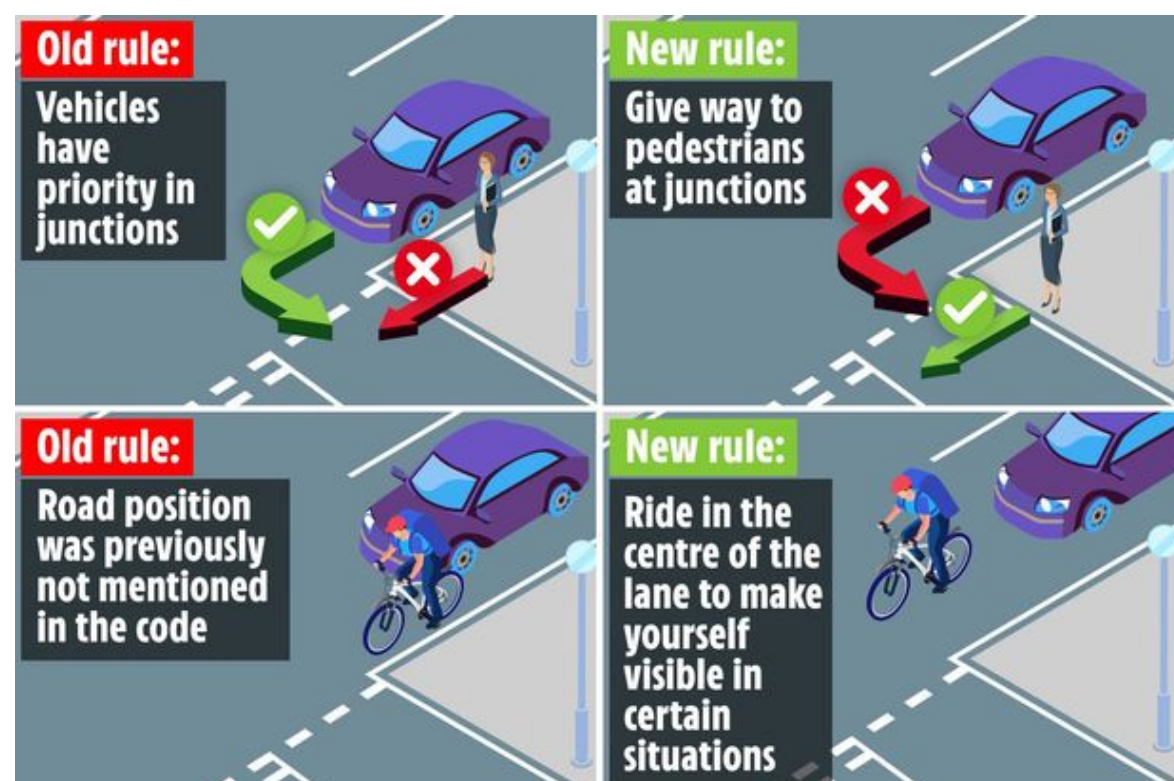
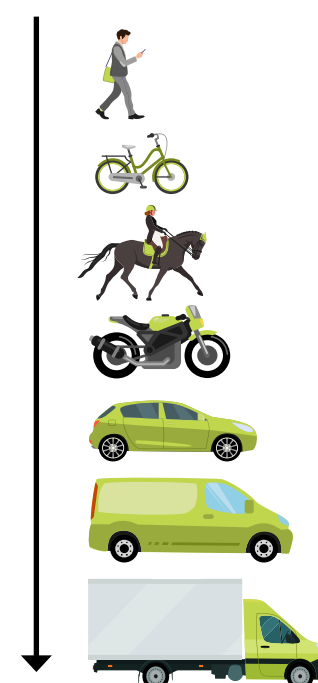
Rule H2: new priority for pedestrians at junctions

At a junction, drivers, motorcyclists, horse riders and cyclists should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning. You should give way to pedestrians waiting to cross a zebra crossing (currently you only have to give way if they're already on the crossing), and to pedestrians and cyclists waiting to cross a parallel crossing.

Rule H3: new priority for cyclists when cars are turning

You should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse drawn vehicles going ahead when you are turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane. This applies whether they are using a cycle lane, a cycle track, or riding ahead on the road and you should give way to them. Do not turn at a junction if to do so would cause the cyclist, horse rider or horse drawn vehicle going straight ahead to stop or swerve. You should stop and wait for a safe gap in the flow of cyclists if necessary.

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Rule 239: new electric vehicle charging guidance

When using an electric vehicle (EV) charge point, you should park close to the charge point and avoid creating a trip hazard for pedestrians from trailing cables.

Display a warning sign if you can. After using the charge point, you should return charging cables and connectors neatly to minimise the danger to pedestrians and avoid creating an obstacle for other road users.



Familiarise yourself with the changes. [For more information, click here.](#)