

# Bicycle Lanes

## What you need to know



South Australia has about 430,000 bicycle riders. Bicycle riders are people of all ages and abilities. They are legally allowed to use our roads. Bicycle lanes make road travel safer and more predictable for everyone – bicycle riders, motorists and pedestrians.

### What do bicycle lanes look like?

Bicycle lanes are indicated by painted lines, bicycle symbols and bicycle lane signs or the word 'lane' painted in white. The lanes run alongside kerbs or next to parking lanes and are sometimes painted green.

### How do they work?

Some bicycle lanes operate around the clock. Others operate only during peak travel times (as specified on the signs) to allow parking for local businesses and residents.



## Rules for drivers

It is illegal to drive, park or stop your vehicle in a bicycle lane and fines apply.

You can drive in a bicycle lane if:

- the lane is not in operation at the time
- you need to stop in an emergency
- you are crossing the bicycle lane to change lanes\*
- you are entering or leaving the road from private property, a parking area or another road\*
- you are overtaking a vehicle turning right or making a U-turn\*
- you are avoiding an obstruction\*
- you are driving a bus or a taxi that is picking up or dropping off passengers\*

\*in undertaking these manoeuvres, you can only travel in the lane for 50 metres.

Watch for and give way to bicycle riders when crossing or turning into bicycle lanes.

Take care when bicycle riders are riding in a lane near you and be aware that riders are allowed to move out of the bicycle lane to avoid an obstruction or to overtake another rider.

## Rules for bicycle riders

Watch for motorists and ride within the bicycle lane unless you need to avoid an obstruction or overtake another rider.

When riding abreast of another rider, you must both be within the bicycle lane.

## Rules for pedestrians

Watch for and give way to bicycles when crossing a road with bicycle lanes.

## Creating a safer future

Providing bicycle lanes on South Australia's roads is one of many state government programs aimed at keeping bicycle riders safe and encouraging more people to ride. During the past five years bicycle lanes in greater Adelaide have doubled in length from about 350 kilometres to 700 kilometres. Working in partnership with local councils, the state government is committed to doubling the number of people cycling in South Australia by 2020.



### Further information

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