

# **Road Traffic (Bicycles) Rules**

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### ROAD TRAFFIC (BICYCLES) RULES

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#### Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Bicycles) Rules.

#### Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

*[Deleted by S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

“hours of darkness” means the time between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. the following day,  
both times inclusive;

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#### Towing not permitted

- 3.—(1) A rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road —

- (a) must not tow another vehicle, with or without a person in or on that other vehicle; and
- (b) must not be towed by another vehicle.

(2) A rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road must not hold onto another vehicle while the vehicle is moving on the road.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

## **Restriction on number of persons carried**

4.—(1) No bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall be used to carry at one time more persons than the number for which it is designed.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), but subject to paragraph (4), no person shall be carried as a pillion passenger on a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle unless the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle is designed such as to be provided with a seat for a pillion passenger.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(3) A child below the age of 12 years may be carried on a properly constructed seat or carrier affixed to a bicycle, trishaw or tricycle.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(4) No person below the age of 16 years shall be carried as a pillion passenger on a power-assisted bicycle.

*[S 773/2004 wef 01/01/2005]*

## **Riders to give signals**

5. The rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall in order to inform traffic that he intends —

- (a) to ‘stop’ — hold out his right arm horizontally with the forearm vertical and with the palm of the hand to the front;
- (b) to ‘slow down’ — hold out his right arm horizontally with the palm of the hand downwards, and move the arm up and down several times;
- (c) to ‘proceed to the right’ — hold out his right arm horizontally with the palm of the hand to the front; and
- (d) to ‘proceed to the left’ — hold out his left arm horizontally with the palm of the hand to the front.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

## **Signals to be made in sufficient time**

6. Signals under rule 5 shall be made in sufficient time to enable traffic to take appropriate action for the avoidance of danger.

## **Travelling abreast prohibited**

7.—(1) No bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall be ridden on the right of a motor vehicle proceeding in the same direction except when overtaking that motor vehicle.

*[S 773/2004 wef 01/01/2005]*

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), the rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road with a single lane must not ride the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle (as the case may be) such that it remains abreast and to the right of another rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle in that lane.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(3) Paragraph (2) does not prevent the rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle overtaking the rider of another bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(4) The rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road with 2 or more lanes for the use of vehicles travelling in the same direction may ride the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle (as the case may be) in one lane such that it remains abreast and to the right of another rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle in that same lane and direction.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(5) The rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road with a bus lane must not ride the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle (as the case may be) such that it remains abreast and to the right of another rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle in the bus lane during its hours of operation.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(6) When a bicycle lane is provided on part of a road, no bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall be used on any other part of the roadway.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

## **Cycling groups**

**7A.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person must not ride a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle or tricycle on a road in a cycling group that consists of more than 5 bicycles, power-assisted bicycles or tricycles (or any combination of them).

(2) Without affecting rule 7, a person may ride a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle or tricycle on a road in a cycling group that consists of more than 5 but not more than 10 bicycles, power-assisted bicycles or tricycles (or any combination of them) if —

- (a) the road has 2 or more lanes for the use of vehicles travelling in the same direction;
- (b) the person does not ride in a bus lane during the hours of operation of the bus lane; and
- (c) the number of bicycles, power-assisted bicycles and tricycles in the cycling group being ridden abreast of another bicycle, power-assisted bicycle or tricycle in the cycling group is not less than the following: