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BIKE RIDING

the laws, the fines

- Legal information for cyclists in NSW -



**If you get a fine we may
be able to help.**

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**New laws in NSW say
bike riders must ALWAYS:**

- Wear a bike helmet
- Have bike lights on the front and back when riding at night
- Follow road rules
- Ride safely

**If you don't follow the laws,
you could be fined.**

- Not wearing a bike helmet **\$319**
- Going through a red light **\$425**
- Not stopping at children's or pedestrian crossings **\$425**
- Riding dangerously **\$425**
- Holding on to a moving vehicle **\$319**
- Riding at night without lights **\$106**

New bike laws, new fines

WEAR A BIKE HELMET Fine \$319

If you're riding a bike on a road, a dirt road, or a road-related area, you must wear a bike helmet with the strap done up.

What are roads and dirt roads?

Areas used mainly for cars which are open to the public.

What is a road-related area?

- a strip in the middle of a road
- a footpath or nature strip beside a road
- an area that says it's for use by cyclists or animals
- an area used by the public for driving, riding or parking vehicles eg. carpark

What if I am caught without a helmet?

If you're caught riding your bike without a bike helmet securely on your head, you will be fined \$319.

What is an accepted bike helmet?

They must have stickers or labels certifying they meet the Australian and New Zealand standard (AS/NZS 2063).

STOP AT RED LIGHTS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS Fine \$425

You must stop at red lights or pedestrian crossings if you're on a bike.

What if I am caught riding through?

If you're caught disobeying a red light, or riding through a pedestrian crossing when someone is walking across it, you may be fined \$425.

RIDE SAFELY Fine \$425

You must always be in control of your bike. That means:

- You must not ride with both hands off the handlebars - or both feet off the pedals
- You must not hold onto another moving vehicle while riding your bike.
- You should not carry anything that prevents you from having full control of your bicycle

What if I am caught riding dangerously?

If you're caught riding without full control of your bike, you may be fined \$425.

If you're caught holding onto another moving vehicle, you may be fined \$319.

HAVE LIGHTS ON YOUR BIKE AT NIGHT Fine \$106

If you're riding at night or in the dark, you must have lights attached to your bike.

What if I am caught riding at night without bike lights?

You may be fined \$106.

What are 'sufficient' bike lights?

You must have ALL of the following on your bike:

- A white light on the front of the bike - that can be seen from 200 metres away
- A red light on the back of the bike - that can be seen from 200 metres away
- A red reflector on the back of the bike - that can be seen 50 metres away when a car shines its low-beam headlights on it.

RIDING WITH CHILDREN

Children under 12 are allowed to ride on the footpath.

If you're supervising a rider under 12, you can ride with them on the footpath. You should leave one metre between your bike and other people.

QUICK TIPS FOR DRIVERS Fine \$319

How much space do I need to leave between my car and a bike rider?

- If you're driving in a zone of 60km/h or less, you need to keep at least one metre away from cyclists.
- If you're driving at a speed of more than 60km/h, you need to leave 1.5 metres of space between your vehicle and the cyclist.
- Drivers who do not leave the minimum amount of space between their vehicle and a cyclist will be fined \$319 and lose two demerit points.

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