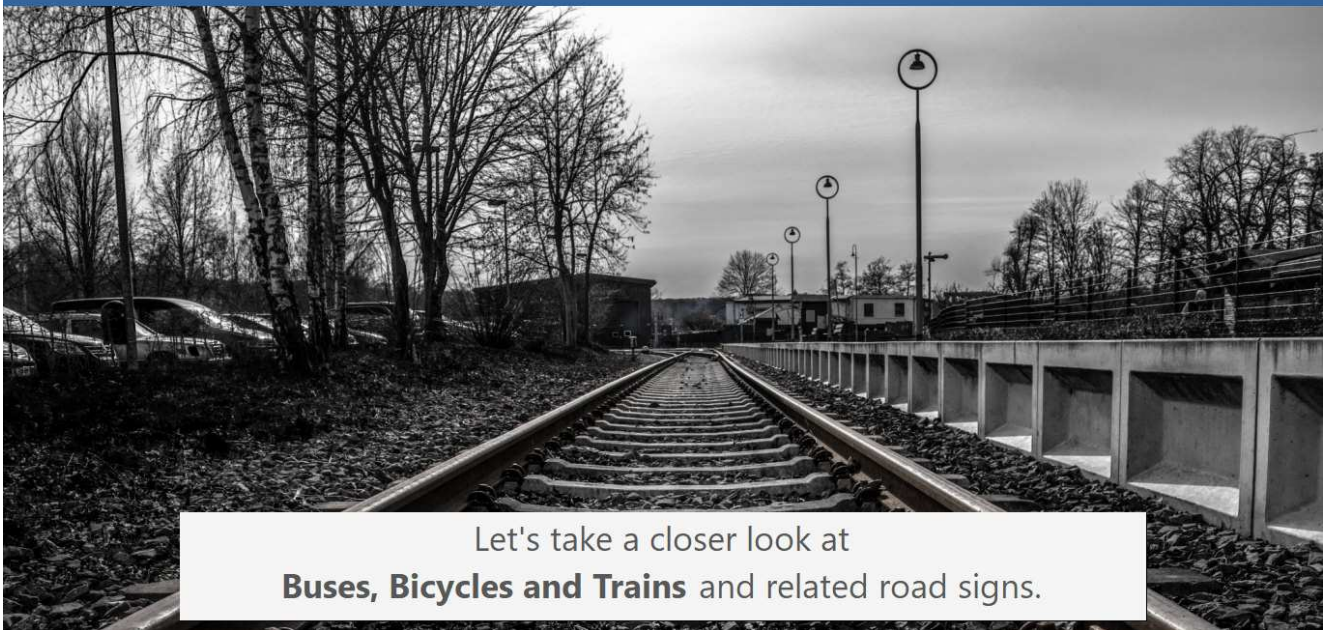


Buses, Bicycles and Trains

Welcome to this **Perfect Driver** course. Throughout this course, we are going to look at the law, skills, techniques, and ideas to help you become a better, and safer driver.

In this lesson, we'll look at **Buses, Bicycles and Trains**.

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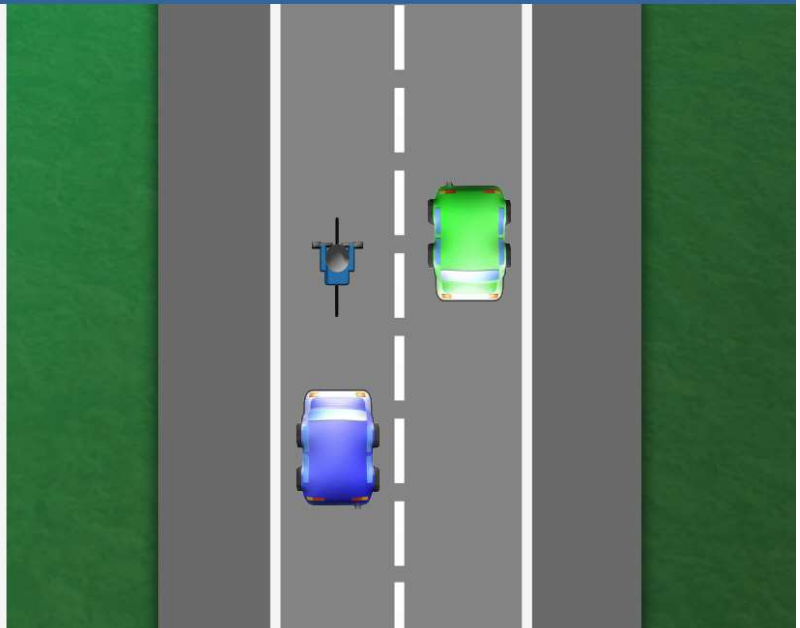
Buses and **bicycles** have a special status on our roads. There are special and specific laws related to how you operate your car around these road users. In this lesson, we'll look at what these laws are, what they mean, and how to obey them. We'll also look at **train** crossings.



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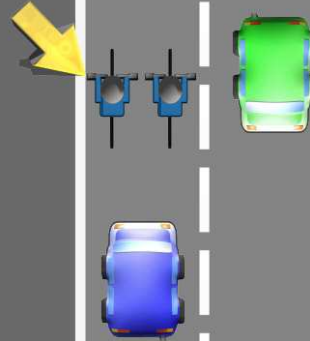
Bicycle riders and bicycles are legally allowed to drive on most roads (not on some freeways, clearly marked by signs).

You must afford bicycle riders all the courtesy you would extend another car driver. In many cases, yes, bicycles are not as fast as cars, and may hold you up for short periods. But you must be patient.



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Bicycle riders are allowed to ride two abreast in the middle of any traffic lane.



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The law states that you must not come closer than 1 metre to any bicycle rider with your car, no matter the circumstances.

If you do see a chance to safely pass a bicycle rider, follow these guidelines:

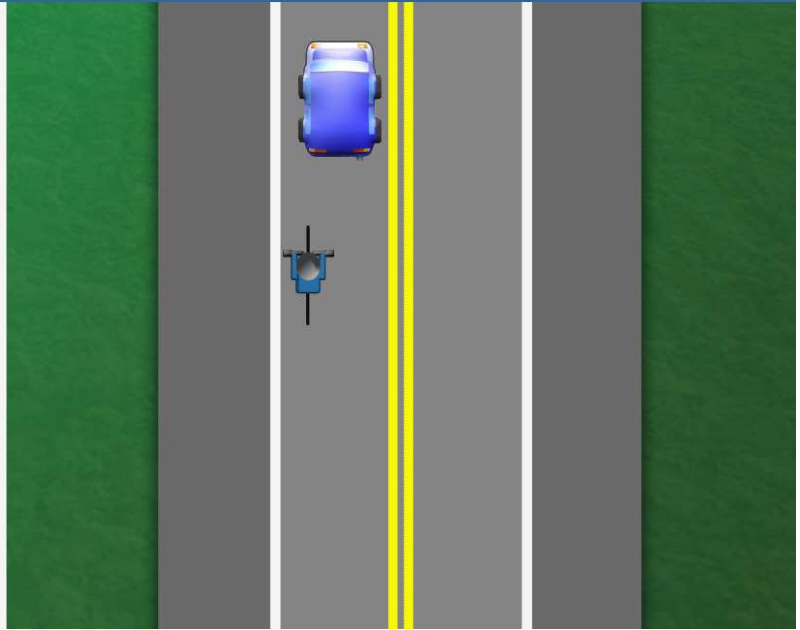
- Ensure the road ahead is clear, and that you are not going to cross any unbroken lines.
- Put your right indicator on to signal your intentions.
- Move to the right and accelerate past the bike rider.
- Return to your normal lane.

At no time during this process are you allowed to come closer than 1 metre to the bicycle rider.



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You can even cross double yellow lines if you are overtaking a cyclist. However, you must ensure the road ahead is clear of obstacles.

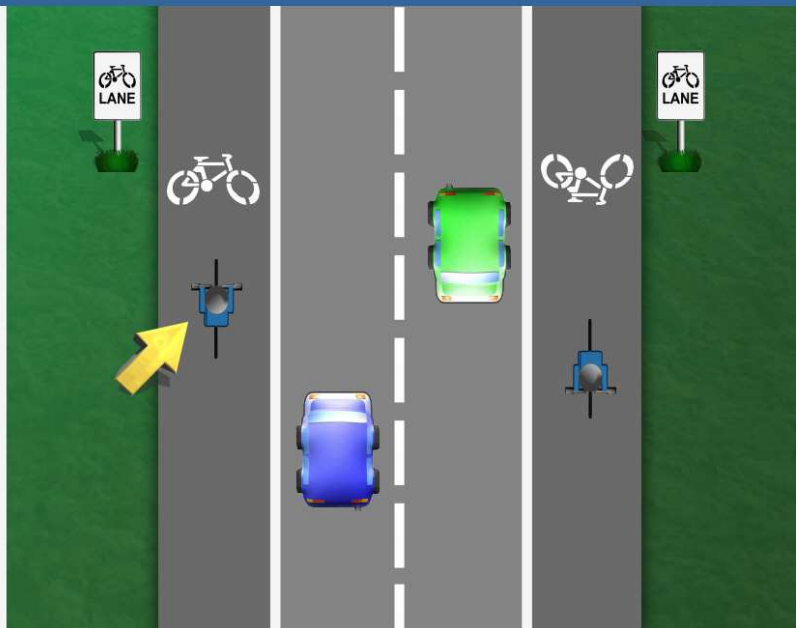


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Some roads will contain bicycle only lanes. You are not allowed to drive a car in these lanes.

Take care when using the road next to a bicycle lane, which will be marked on the road, and by signs, as in this example.

At times, you may have to cross over a bicycle lane to park, enter a driveway, or turn. At all times, display courtesy to the bicycle riders, and do not travel closer than 1 metre to the bicycle itself.



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The most dangerous time for pedestrians and cyclists is at night. So pay extra attention.



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Many local and state governments are setting up bike and ride stations throughout suburbs and city areas. It allows people to rent bikes for a short period to get around in the city.

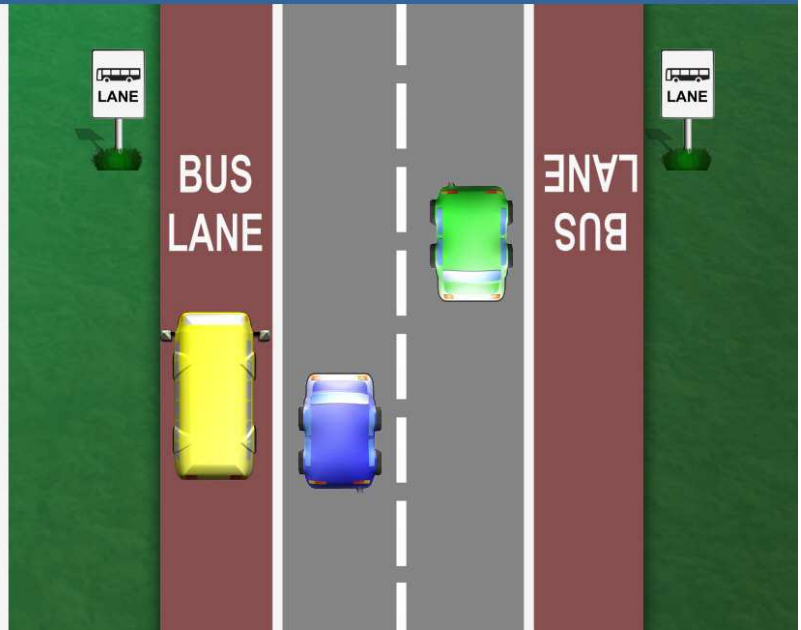


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Buses, too, have their own lanes on many roads - but they come in two different varieties.

These are called **BUS LANES**, and **BUS ONLY LANES**.

Both types of lanes are denoted by street markings, street signs, and, as in this example, a different colour on the road itself.



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A lane marked as a **BUS LANE** is allowed to be used by:

- Taxis.
- Hire cars (but not rental cars).
- Motorcycles and bicycles.
- Emergency vehicles.

You are also permitted to travel in a **BUS LANE** for up to 100 metres to:

- Turn into or out of a street.
- Enter or leave a property adjacent to the bus lane.
- Pass another vehicle that has stopped to turn right or to avoid an obstruction.



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Here you can see a **BUS ONLY LANE**, as opposed to the **BUS LANE** we looked at a moment ago.

These are similar to **BUS LANES**, but can only be used exclusively by buses. No other types of vehicles may enter these lanes.



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Where buses do not have their own lanes, you must always give way to buses changing lanes, or re-entering traffic.

Here, a bus has stopped at a bus stop, and now has indicated it wants to change lanes and move into the traffic again.

As the sign on the back of the bus indicates, you are required by law to give way to the bus if it is indicating to change lanes to re-enter traffic, even if this means slowing down or stopping.

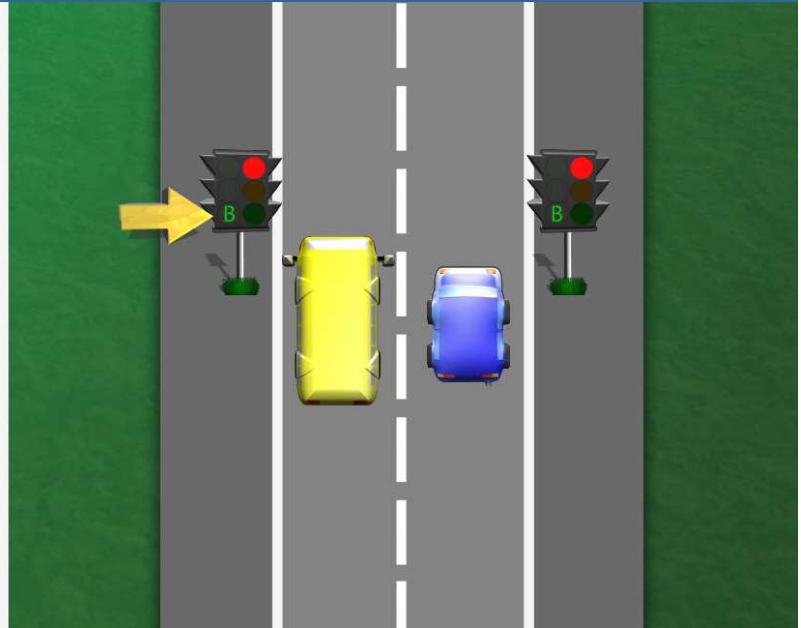


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In certain areas, buses will also have their own traffic signals. Here, the letter **B** is indicated in green, while the main light is red.

This means the bus can go through these lights, but cars cannot.

These sorts of lights are generally used in conjunction with **BUS ONLY LANES**.



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From time to time you'll come up across rail crossings. These allow trains to cross suburban streets when required.

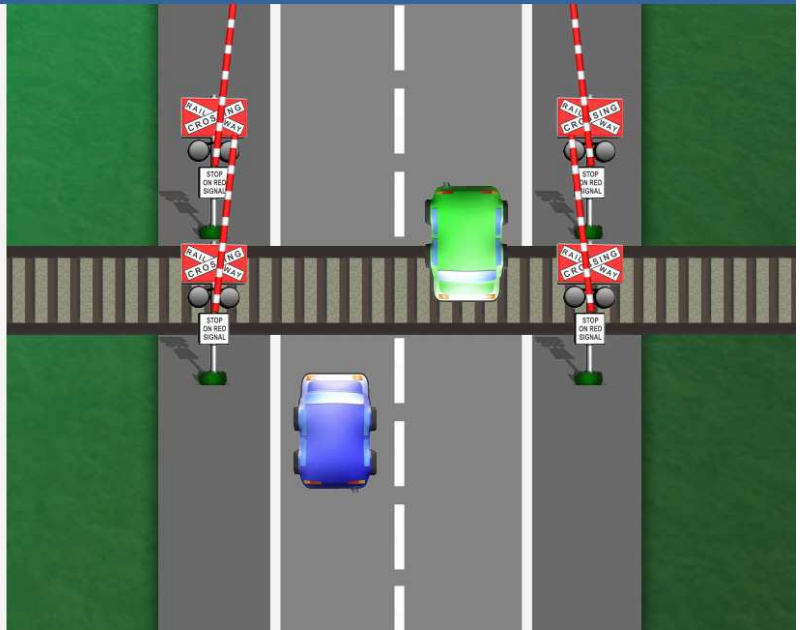
Rail crossings have been the site of many horrific crashes - almost always when people disobey the rules. Let's have a good look at these rules. It could save your life.



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Level crossings, or train crossings, are highly visible areas where train lines cross roads.

When there are no trains nearby, you can pass through a level crossing as normal.

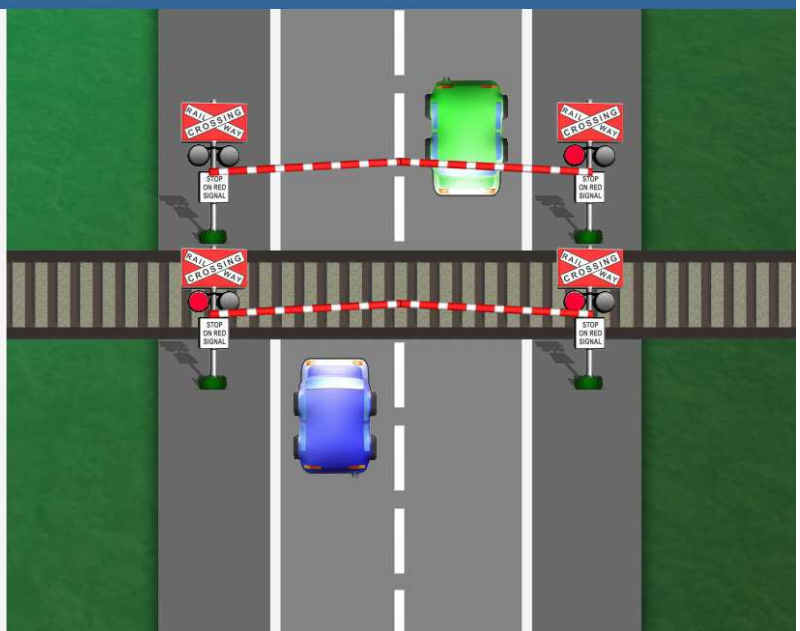


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A level crossing denotes a train is approaching (as seen here) by flashing red lights, playing a sound, and lowering booms to prevent access. Signs also indicate a level crossing is present.

You may not immediately see the train, but you must obey the signals and not proceed until the lights stop, the sound stops, and the booms are lifted again.

Level crossings are dangerous. There are many accidents at level crossings every year - hard to believe with all the warnings, but yes, they do happen.



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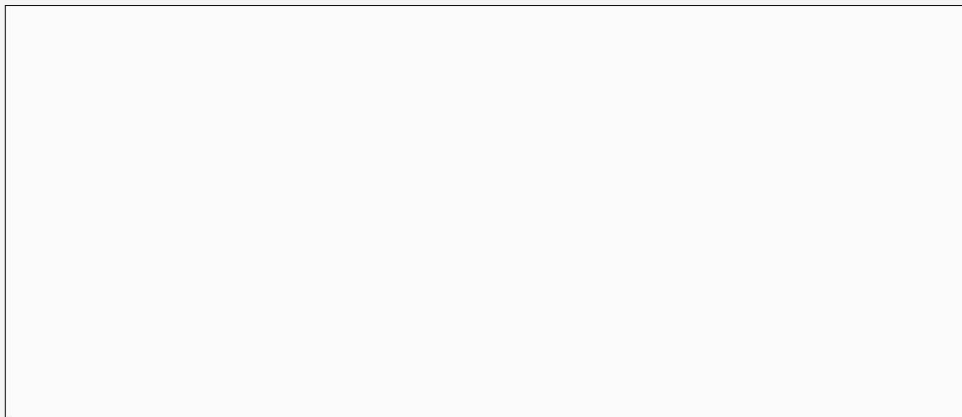
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- Two Abreast.
- Overtaking Bicycles.
- Bicycle Lanes.
- Dangerous Times.
- Bike and Ride.
- Bus Lanes and Bus Only Lanes, Give Way to Buses, Bus Lights.
- Trains and Level Crossings.

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