Bicycles without handbrakes will not be allowed on public paths and roads from 1 Sep 2021





Fixed-gear bicycles, also known as fixies, generally do not have hand-operated brakes, but instead rely on the rider's pedal resistance to stop. This makes it challenging for riders to brake quickly, endangering themselves and other path and road users.

To improve safety, all bicycles must have at least one functioning handbrake to be ridden on public paths and roads.

Cyclists caught riding without handbrakes may be fined up to \$10,000 and/or jailed for up to 6 months, if convicted for the first offence. Repeat offenders may face higher penalties.



