

Singapore Road Safety Council (SRSC)'s Advisory for Motorists and Cyclists

Advisory for Motorists

As we use the roads every day, let's exercise patience, stay alert, vigilant, and be careful when driving on the road. Always follow traffic rules, signs, and signals, and be considerate to other road users. Here are some safe driving tips for motorists to observe when driving on the roads:-

- Do not speed and give enough time to reach your destination.
- Never beat the red light. Instead, you should slow down when nearing traffic lights and be prepared to stop *when* the traffic lights turn amber.
- Motorists are to give way to emergency vehicles such as ambulances and police cars.
- Do not drive when using mobile phones, or when you are sleepy and tired.
- Drivers are to keep a lookout for smaller, vulnerable road users: cyclists or power-assisted bicycle users, and pedestrians like children and the elderly, who may dash across the road.
- Observe lane discipline and keep watch for traffic hazards ahead, such as traffic congestion due to road works and accidents.
- Drivers are to signal in advance when turning or changing lanes; alert other road users of your intention early to prevent traffic accidents.
- Never drive when under the influence of alcohol, or when you have taken medication that causes drowsiness – Don't Drive to Drink, and You Will Never Drink and Drive.
- Do not tailgate and keep a safe following distance – it is a dangerous act and gives you little time to react if the vehicle in front slows down or brakes suddenly.

Advisory for Cyclists

It is important that cyclists watch their surroundings closely and follow the traffic rules: Be alert to other vehicles and look over your shoulder to check if there's a vehicle approaching your side. Here are some safe cycling tips for cyclists to observe when cycling on the roads:-

- Do not weave through traffic. Cycle in an orderly and predictable manner so other motorists will understand where you are moving to next.
- Cyclists are to ride as close as practically to the left hand side of the road way and can only cycle at maximum two abreast on roads with at least two lanes in the same direction.
- Cyclists are to cycle in the same direction as the motorists on the road. Do not cycle against the flow of traffic or weave through traffic. Always cycle in an orderly manner so other motorists will understand where you are moving next.
- Cyclists are to use the correct hand signals to alert drivers and other motorists when turning, slowing down or stopping. To slow down and look out for other road users when approaching bends, junctions, bus stops and pedestrian crossings or when passing a parked vehicle.
- Avoid squeezing between a turning vehicle and the kerb or squeeze between the kerb and a bus that has stopped at the bus stop.
- Keep a safe distance behind moving vehicles. Do not hold on to the back or side of the motor vehicles.

Every road user has the responsibility to look after one's own safety and to practice defensive habits wherever they are, whether it be cycling, walking or driving. The Singapore Road Safety Council will continue working with the Traffic Police, the Land Transport Authority and other road safety stakeholders to engage road users through education programmes aimed at improving attitudes and behaviours to road safety.

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