



## **SAFETY AWARENESS**

### **Bicycles on Campus**

The University has experienced an increased number of serious bike related accidents on its campuses. Further analysis of the data in the University's incident/hazard reporting system Figtree indicates an increase in hazard reporting of unacceptable and dangerous cyclist interaction with pedestrians and road vehicle users.

#### **Issue**

The University supports the choice staff, students and visitors make to ride bicycles for mobility and exercise purposes. As a result the University provides shared zones throughout our campus. Many cyclists entering University grounds however, are not adjusting their riding style - speed and spatial awareness to the conditions.

#### **When riding a bike**

Like all road users, cyclists must ride responsibly and within the law. The [Australian Road rules](#) apply to cyclists. A cyclist must ride to the left side of the road, and obey the road rules.

Cyclists must wear an approved, properly fitted and securely fastened helmet at all times.

Have at least one effective brake and a warning device such as a bell or horn.

Have increased visibility – have a front light and red rear light, both visible for at least 200 metres, if riding in poorly light dark conditions ensure there is a red rear reflector fitted for visibility.

Before using a University Timely Tredlie you must be registered and authorised to do so. By registering and signing the declaration, you agree to follow the rights and responsibilities as a condition of use: [Campus bicycle fleet](#)

#### **When riding on shared paths and footpaths**

A cyclist may ride on shared paths and footpaths. When doing so, a cyclist must keep to the left and must give way to pedestrians.

When using a pedestrian crossing, cyclists must slow to 10kph

Cyclists must ride in a sensible and considerate manner, not just protecting their own safety but to ensure safety of shared zone and road users.

Cyclists must signal their approach when behind pedestrians on a shared path or footpath, and slow down when overtaking them.

In the same way that a motorist's behavior is taken into account when assessing damages, the same rule applies to cyclists. This rule is called 'contributory negligence'.

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*Staff and Students are reminded to report incidents to their supervisor and/or through the Figtree online incident notification system.*