

Traffic Infringements

Penalties apply for the following breaches of law:

Failure to have adequate lighting on bicycle at night.

Riding bicycle incorrectly.

Carrying excess persons on bicycle.

Riding within 2 metres of rear of motor vehicle.

Failing to give way to pedestrians.

Riding in race or trial without permit.

Bicycle rider holding onto moving motor vehicle.

Riding bicycle without helmet securely fastened.

Rider failing to ensure child or young person wears a helmet on a bicycle designed to carry them.

For detailed legislation refer to the *NT Traffic Act*, *NT Traffic Regulations* and *Australian Road Rules*.

Road safety cycling tips:

- Remember that adults who observe these requirements are setting a good example for children.
- Remember that although you have the same rights and responsibilities as any other driver on the road, you are much more vulnerable than someone in a car.



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The Territory Insurance Office supports road safety activities in the Northern Territory through motor accident compensation contributions received from motorists.



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Safe Cycling



Requirements for safe cycling in the Northern Territory

Bicycle Equipment

Helmets

- For persons under 17 years of age, an approved helmet must be worn at all times, correctly fitted and fastened.
- For a person 17 years of age or older, an approved helmet must be worn, correctly fitted and fastened, when travelling on a road or on a bicycle lane that forms part of a road.
- The above helmet requirements apply to the rider and any person being carried on a bicycle.

Note: An approved helmet is a helmet that complies with Australian Standard AS/NZS 2063.

You must always have:

- At least one effective brake.
- A bell, horn or similar warning device in working order.

In addition:

When riding at night or in hazardous weather conditions causing reduced visibility, the bicycle must have:

- Front light – a flashing or steady white light that is clearly visible for at least 200 metres.
- Rear light – a flashing or steady red light that is clearly visible for at least 200 metres.
- Rear red reflector that is clearly visible for at least 50 metres when a vehicle's headlights shine on it.

At all times when riding:

- Keep at least one hand on the handlebars.
- Do not carry more persons on the bicycle than it is designed to carry.
- Do not hold onto another moving vehicle while riding a bicycle.
- Give hand signals to indicate what you are about to do.
- Do not cause a traffic hazard by moving into the path of a driver or pedestrian.
- Do not carry a load that flaps, sways, extends or overhangs the sides, front or back of the bicycle.

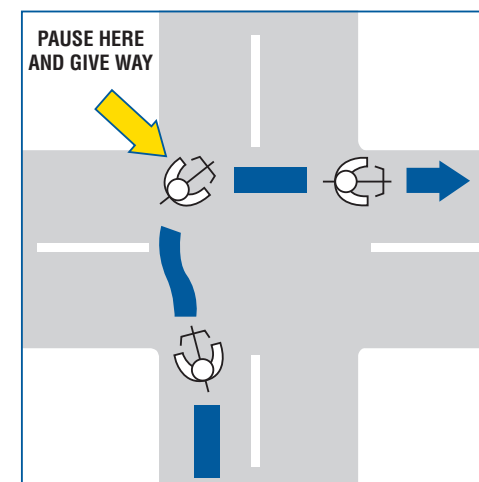
Cycling on bicycle paths and footpaths:

- You must keep to the left of any oncoming bicycle rider.
- You can ride on footpaths (unless prohibited by a "No Bicycle" sign), but you must keep left and give way to pedestrians.
- Use your bell or horn to warn others, especially when riding up behind them.



When cycling on the road:

- As a bicycle rider you are "driving" a legal vehicle. You have the same rights and responsibilities as any other driver on the road.
- You must obey all road rules including traffic signs, lights and road markings.
- You must ride as near as practicable to the far left side of the road.
- You must not ride past, or overtake, to the left of a vehicle that is turning left.
- You can turn right from either the left or right hand lane of a multi-lane roundabout. If you use the left hand lane, you must give way to any vehicle leaving the roundabout.
- Do not ride across a road on a children's crossing, marked foot crossing or pedestrian crossing.
- Do not ride within 2 metres of the rear of a moving vehicle continuously for more than 200 metres.
- You can turn right at an intersection by making a hook turn (see picture below) unless prohibited.



Hook Turn

PROTECT YOUR BRAINS – wear a helmet