

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT  
(CHAPTER 276, SECTION 140)

ROAD TRAFFIC (BICYCLES) RULES

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**Citation**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Bicycles) Rules.

**Definitions**

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

*[Deleted by S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

“hours of darkness” means the time between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. the following day, both times inclusive;

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

*[Deleted by S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

**Towing not permitted**

3.—(1) A rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road —

- (a) must not tow another vehicle, with or without a person in or on that other vehicle; and
- (b) must not be towed by another vehicle.

(2) A rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road must not hold onto another vehicle while the vehicle is moving on the road.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

**Restriction on number of persons carried**

4.—(1) No bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall be used to carry at one time more persons than the number for which it is designed.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), but subject to paragraph (4), no person shall be carried as a pillion passenger on a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle unless the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle is designed such as to be provided with a seat for a pillion passenger.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(3) A child below the age of 12 years may be carried on a properly constructed seat or carrier affixed to a bicycle, trishaw or tricycle.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(4) No person below the age of 16 years shall be carried as a pillion passenger on a power-assisted bicycle.

*[S 773/2004 wef 01/01/2005]*

**Riders to give signals**

5. The rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall in order to inform traffic that he intends —

- (a) to ‘stop’ — hold out his right arm horizontally with the forearm vertical and with the palm of the hand to the front;

- (b) to ‘slow down’ — hold out his right arm horizontally with the palm of the hand downwards, and move the arm up and down several times;
- (c) to ‘proceed to the right’ — hold out his right arm horizontally with the palm of the hand to the front; and
- (d) to ‘proceed to the left’ — hold out his left arm horizontally with the palm of the hand to the front.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

### **Signals to be made in sufficient time**

6. Signals under rule 5 shall be made in sufficient time to enable traffic to take appropriate action for the avoidance of danger.

### **Travelling abreast prohibited**

7.—(1) No bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall be ridden on the right of a motor vehicle proceeding in the same direction except when overtaking that motor vehicle.

*[S 773/2004 wef 01/01/2005]*

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), the rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road with a single lane must not ride the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle (as the case may be) such that it remains abreast and to the right of another rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle in that lane.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(3) Paragraph (2) does not prevent the rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle overtaking the rider of another bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(4) The rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road with 2 or more lanes for the use of vehicles travelling in the same direction may ride the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle (as the case may be) in one lane such that it remains abreast and to the right of another rider of a bicycle,

power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle in that same lane and direction.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(5) The rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road with a bus lane must not ride the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle (as the case may be) such that it remains abreast and to the right of another rider of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle in the bus lane during its hours of operation.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(6) When a bicycle lane is provided on part of a road, no bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall be used on any other part of the roadway.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

### **Bicycle, etc., to be ridden on left side of road**

8. A person who rides a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road must ride the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle as near as practicable to the far left edge of the road.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

### **Load limitations**

9.—(1) A person must not ride a bicycle or power-assisted bicycle on a road carrying a load that —

(a) is of such dimensions as to cause or be likely to cause danger, obstruction or annoyance to persons using the road; or

(b) is not properly and rigidly secured to the bicycle.

(2) A person must not ride a tricycle on a road carrying a load that —

(a) is overhanging from the tricycle; or

(b) is of a height that is more than one metre from the ground.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

**Bicycle, etc., to be ridden in orderly manner**

**10.** No bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall be ridden or propelled otherwise than in an orderly manner and with due regard for the safety of others.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

**No riding against flow of traffic**

**11.** A person must not ride a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road against the flow of traffic.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

**Lights on bicycle, etc.**

**11A.** A person must not ride a bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle on a road, during the hours of darkness unless the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle —

- (a) displays a white light that is clearly visible for a reasonable distance from the front of the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle, as the case may be; and
- (b) displays —
  - (i) a red light that is clearly visible for a reasonable distance from the rear of the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle; or
  - (ii) a red reflector that is clearly visible for a reasonable distance from the rear of the bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle when light is projected onto the reflector.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

**Restriction on nature of lights**

**12.—(1)** No bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall show a red light to the front.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

**(2)** No bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, trishaw or tricycle shall show any light other than a red light to the rear.

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

**Requirements for use of power-assisted bicycle**

**13.**—(1) No person shall keep or use a power-assisted bicycle on a road unless the power-assisted bicycle —

- (a) complies with the requirements specified in the Schedule to the Road Traffic (Power-Assisted Bicycles — Approval) Rules 2004 (G.N. No. S 768/2004);

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

- (b) has been approved and sealed in accordance with those Rules; and

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

- (c) has been registered and bears a registration number plate in accordance with the Road Traffic (Registration of Power-Assisted Bicycles) Rules 2017 (G.N. No. S 451/2017).

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

*[S 273/2018 wef 05/05/2018]*

(2) No person below the age of 16 years shall ride a power-assisted bicycle on a road.

- (3) *[Deleted by S 65/2019 wef 01/02/2019]*

**Wearing of helmets**

**14.** Every person who —

- (a) rides a bicycle or a power-assisted bicycle on a road; or  
(b) is carried as a pillion passenger on a bicycle or a power-assisted bicycle on a road,

must wear securely on his head a suitable protective bicycle helmet.

*[S 65/2019 wef 01/02/2019]*

**Brakes on bicycles**

**15.**—(1) A person must not ride a bicycle on a road unless the bicycle is equipped with a working handbrake.

(2) In this rule, “handbrake”, for a bicycle, means a braking system that —

- (a) is applied by one or more hand levers affixed to the handlebars of the bicycle;
- (b) operates on either or both of the wheels of the bicycle; and
- (c) when applied, reduces the speed of the bicycle or prevents the bicycle from moving.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
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This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Road Traffic (Bicycles) Rules. It is not part of these Rules.

**1. G. N. No. S 382/1955 — Bicycles Rules 1955**

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