



# Cycling on shared paths

**Shared paths can be used by cyclists and pedestrians, and are an ideal place for children to ride and avoid other traffic.**

## **Here are some cycling rules that your child needs to know**

- Children under 12 years of age may ride on any footpath unless a 'no bicycles' sign has been erected.
- Cyclists over 12 years of age are not permitted to ride on a footpath.
- Cyclists must keep left on shared paths and footpaths unless overtaking.
- Cyclists must give way to pedestrians at all times. When approaching a pedestrian from behind, a cyclist should ring their bell about 30 metres before reaching the pedestrian.
- At path intersections, cyclists must signal their intention to turn and give way to motor vehicles entering or exiting an intersecting road. Look in all directions before proceeding across the road and onto the path on the other side.
- Cyclists must only travel in single file on all paths.
- Cyclists can travel two abreast on a road.
- Under the Road Traffic Code 2000, it is an offence to ride carelessly or recklessly which includes riding at a speed that places other path users at risk.



Thank you for playing a vital role in your child's road safety education.