

The Hierarchy of Road Users

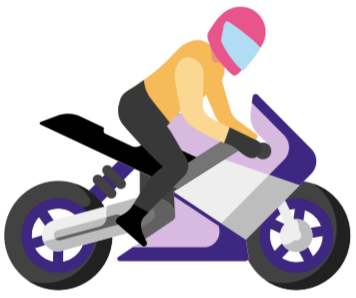
The Hierarchy of Road Users establishes a priority system - road users who are most vulnerable to harm are given priority over those who have greater potential to cause harm.



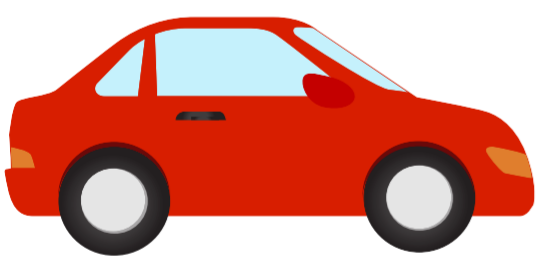
Pedestrians



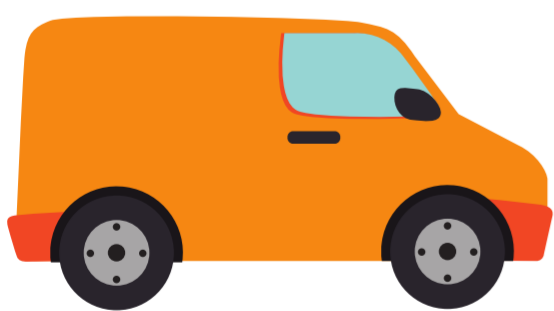
Cyclists & Horse Riders



Motorcyclists



Cars



Vans & minibuses



HGVs and large buses

The roads are a space to be shared in safety. Every road user has a responsibility for their own safety, and a responsibility to minimise the risk they pose to others. For a more detailed explanation see rules H1, H2 and H3 in the latest Highway Code.

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Give way to pedestrians when turning

When turning at a junction, be prepared to give way to pedestrians who are either crossing or waiting to cross

Signal your intention to turn and slow down early, giving following motorists adequate opportunity to stop

Always maintain a safe following distance in case a vehicle ahead has to stop for a pedestrian

The above rules apply when pedestrians are either crossing or waiting to cross a road into which, or from which, you are turning. For more detail see rules H2 and 170 in the latest Highway Code.

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Cyclists are advised to ride in the centre of their lane on quiet roads, in slower-moving traffic and on the approach to junctions or narrow sections of road.

They may also position themselves centrally at junctions without separate cyclist facilities. This helps them to remain visible to other road users.

Sharing your lane with cyclists



On busier roads, cyclists are told to allow faster vehicles to overtake, while remaining at least half a metre from the kerb if possible.

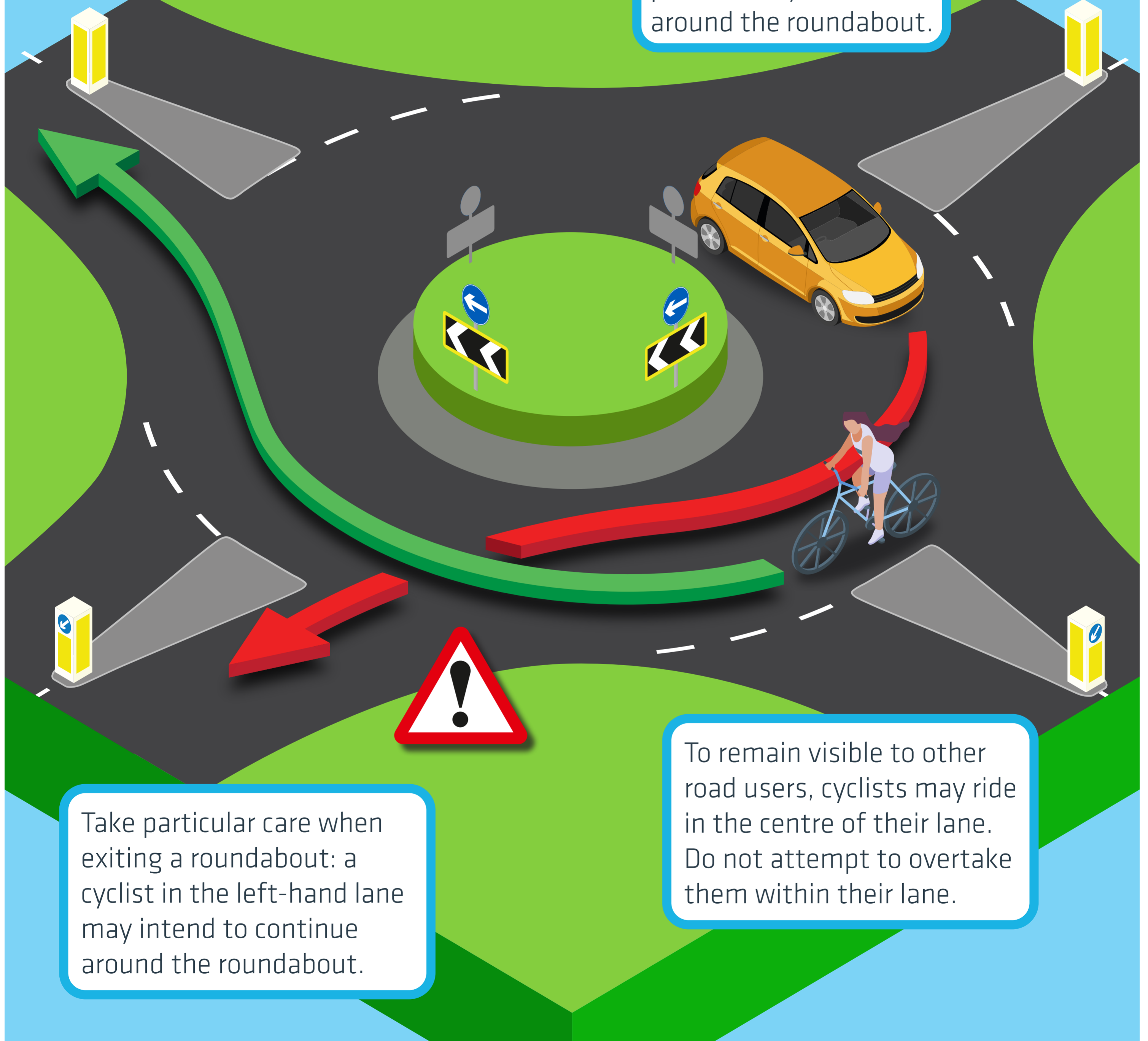
In accordance with the Hierarchy of Road Users, drivers need to minimise the threat to cyclists, but there are new rules for cyclists to follow too. For more information, see rules 72-74 in the latest Highway Code.

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Cyclists & Roundabouts

You should give priority to cyclists on the roundabout. Expect them to be travelling more slowly than motorised traffic.

Give them plenty of room and allow them to move across your path as they travel around the roundabout.



Take particular care when exiting a roundabout: a cyclist in the left-hand lane may intend to continue around the roundabout.

To remain visible to other road users, cyclists may ride in the centre of their lane. Do not attempt to overtake them within their lane.

Highway Code rules 72 and 79 instruct cyclists on road positioning when using roundabouts. Full details on the correct procedure for using roundabouts can be found in rules 184-190.

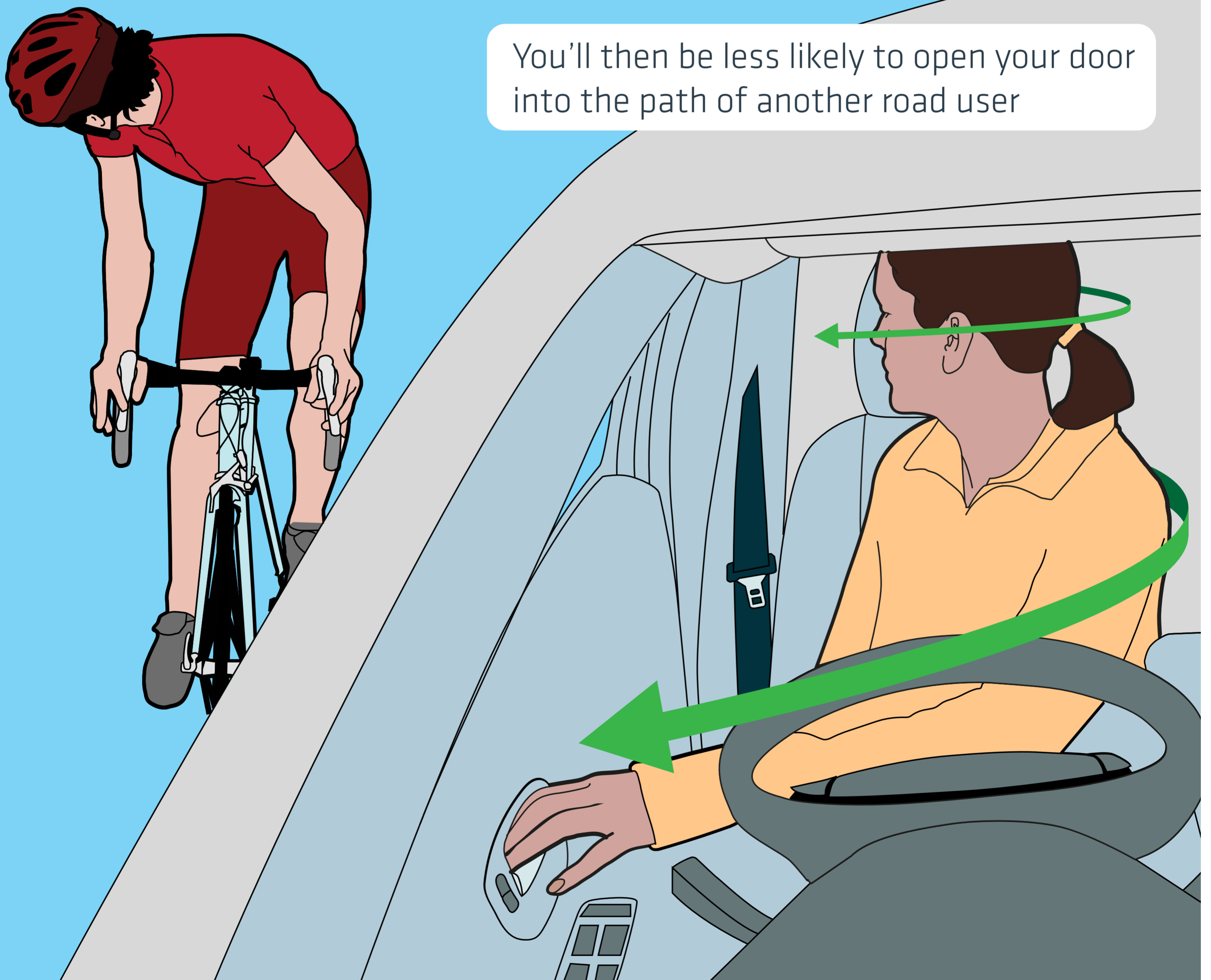
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The Dutch Reach

Open your door using whichever hand is **furthest** from the door you're opening

This will naturally encourage you to turn your head to look over your shoulder, and to open the door more slowly

You'll then be less likely to open your door into the path of another road user



The so-called Dutch Reach is a recommended technique in the Netherlands, where drivers commonly share space with cyclists and pedestrians. See rule 239 of the Highway Code for details.