



Walk this way: Extended walkways mean pedestrians can make their journeys safely

Driving up safety

NEW MEASURES TAKEN BY TFL AND THE POLICE WILL HELP TO KEEP THE CAPITAL'S STREETS SAFE FOR ALL ROAD USERS

MOTORISTS are reminded to drive safely on London's streets to protect the increased numbers of people who are walking and cycling around the capital.

While most Londoners are driving safely, there has been an increase in speeding since lockdown measures were introduced. Since March 20, 16 people have died on London's roads, despite an average reduction of 35 per cent in traffic levels.

The latest statistics show that, while eight fewer people have died during lockdown compared with the same period last year, the number of people riding motorcycles and cycles killed in road traffic collisions has risen. During this period, ten motorcyclists, two pedestrians and two cyclists have been killed on London's roads.

TAKING ACTION

TfL funds the Metropolitan Police Service's Roads and Transport Policing Command, which is the largest police command in the UK. It has more than 2,000 officers who are dedicated to policing London's streets, focusing on the most dangerous drivers and carrying out widespread high-visibility roadside operations and patrols. There are intensified patrols on roads with 20mph and 30mph speed limits.

Unsafe driving puts additional strain on the NHS at this time of national emergency. As part of their joint Vision Zero commitment to eliminate death and serious injury from London's roads, the Metropolitan Police and City of London Police continue to target speeding and other unsafe driving.

Police have recorded speeds of more than 130mph across the capital. Even a relatively small increase in speed is known to raise risks to drivers and vulnerable road users such as people walking, cycling and riding motorcycles.

Keep your distance: The Streetspace for London plan is creating more safe space for people who wish to walk or cycle

SAFER STREETS

TfL is extending many footways and bus platforms through its Streetspace for London plan, with an extra 19,000m² of space created in the past month to support people walking and cycling.

Lower speed limits were also introduced on TfL roads in March, with an urgent review under way to identify how these limits can be expanded to further streets across central London – including next to cycle lanes – to offer increased protection to vulnerable road users.

This could include reducing speed limits to 20mph in areas where TfL is making temporary changes to road layouts, including on the A503 between Camden and Finsbury Park, and on the A3 between Elephant and Castle and Colliers Wood. On Sunday, the speed limit on the elevated section of the A40 Westway was also lowered from 40mph to 30mph.

Plans to boost walking and cycling are helping to ensure London can re-open carefully, safely and sustainably as more people return to work this week. The Mayor of London and the Government are encouraging everyone who can to walk or cycle for all or part of their journeys as lockdown measures are eased. With more people across London choosing to walk and cycle,



Watch your speed: Police have intensified patrols on roads with 20mph and 30mph speed limits

including children, drivers are reminded to slow down, obey the rules and to be extra vigilant for other road users.

Siwan Hayward, TfL's director of compliance and policing, said: 'We're working closely with the Mayor and local boroughs to provide a huge range of new walking and cycling facilities, ensuring Londoners can get around safely as lockdown measures are eased.'

'Drivers are reminded that a number of road layouts may have changed and with more people walking and cycling, it is more critical than ever to slow down, drive carefully and within the speed limit.'




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