

On the road to safer cycling



With more than double the number of cyclists on London's roads compared to a decade ago, MetroTravel looks at how everyone can share the road safely.

WHETHER you are a motorist, cyclist, pedestrian or motorcyclist, no one likes to be cut up or beeped. Being aware of each other not only improves our journeys, it can also save lives.

Research shows that, while people are concerned about safety, they tend to think it is others who need to change their road habits.

A different perspective

As a driver, you make decisions based on your assumptions and expectations of other road users. Having more knowledge of how cyclists ride can help you to drive more safely around them.

If you're interested in looking at London's roads from the saddle, Cycle Training UK runs the Cycle Awareness Seminar for drivers.

The one-hour classroom session looks at the driver's experience of interacting with cyclists. It encourages drivers to empathise with them and to minimise the risks between drivers and cyclists.

TfL also offers a number of free safety courses for drivers, including Van Smart.

This one-day course aims to reduce work-related road risks and is in two parts: a classroom theory module, and a practical cycling module where drivers experience a cyclist's view of the road.

■ **For more information about Cycle Training UK courses, go to info@cycletraining.co.uk. To find out more about TfL courses, go to forsonline.org.uk/cms/training/**

Driving home cycle safety

In 2016, private hire company Addison Lee partnered with the London Cycling Campaign (LCC) to review the training it delivers at its school. Cyclist awareness is a module of driver training and LCC made recommendations for improvements. These have now been included in training methods as well as introduced in its e-learning portal and in-car training.

Did you know?

The number of cyclist casualties between April 1 and June 30 last year was down six per cent compared with the same period in 2015. The Mayor's 'Vision Zero' approach is working towards eliminating all road danger.



Reporting anything unusual won't hurt you

If you see any unattended items or suspicious activity, report it to a member of staff or the police immediately. For your safety and security, CCTV is in use across the network.



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Cycle bags for hire bikes

CYCLE bags that clip onto a Santander hire bike are now on sale.

Available exclusively from the London Transport Museum shop, they feature the Tube roundel on the zipper and a map of the Underground on the inside showing where you can take your bike on the Tube.

The bags come in two versions: a handlebar bag that doubles as a shoulder bag, and a multi-functional shopper bag that can serve as a backpack, pannier and shoulder bag. Both are available in graphite or navy.

Priced at £45, the handlebar bag has a padded inside slip pocket, external side pockets that take water bottles or an umbrella and comes with an adjustable, detachable shoulder strap.

The shopper bag, at £80, clips onto the pannier rack and has an inside padded pocket for a laptop, padded straps and external pockets. It also has a rigid base for carrying heavy items.

The bags were designed by Jacqui Ma, who created the range while living above a bike shop in Hackney.



■ **For more details, visit ltmuseumshop.co.uk**

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