

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

SAFETY AROUND BUSES

QUICK FACTS



Giving way to buses



- In Victoria, in built-up areas drivers must give way to buses that are signalling to pull out from the kerb, if they are displaying a **'Give Way to Buses'** sign
- **Do not merge too closely** in front of a bus, as they have a longer stopping distance than cars

Sources: Buses, VicRoads (2018) <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-rules/a-to-z-of-road-rules/buses>

Pedestrians and cyclists

Pedestrians should:

- **Plan ahead** and don't rush for the bus
- **Follow the rules** and cross with care
- **Avoid being distracted** by mobile devices
- **Stand back from the kerb** when waiting for a bus



Cyclists should:

- Stay alert
- Take a viable position at traffic lights
- Anticipate buses stopping at marked stops
- Avoid passing a bus when it is turning
- Follow the road rules and ride with care



Source: Be Bus Aware, Centre for Road Safety NSW (2018) <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/index.html>

Tips for Cyclists, NZTA (2010) <https://can.org.nz/system/files/Safety%20tips%20for%20cyclists%20%26%20truck%20%26%20bus%20drivers.pdf>

Bus lanes



Bus lanes are special lanes for public buses. They have bus lane signs at the start of these lanes.

Car Drivers are not allowed to drive in a bus lane **except** when:

- they are driving for up to 100 metres to enter or leave the road, e.g. **to turn at an intersection**
- they are overtaking a vehicle that is **turning right or making a U-turn** from the centre of the road
- the information on the bus lane **sign shows that other vehicles can use the lane**
- they **need to avoid an obstruction**, e.g. a broken-down vehicle

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