

Rules of the Road Facts List



Speed Limits

- 1 The national speed limit for cars and motorcycles on single carriageway roads is 60 mph
- 2 The national speed limit for cars and motorcycles on motorways and dual carriageways is 70 mph
- 3 The speed limit for cars towing on single carriageway roads is 50 mph
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- 5 On a road with streetlights, but no speed limit signs, the speed limit is usually 30 mph

Box Junctions and Crossroads

- 6 At an unmarked crossroads no one has priority
- 7 You may stop and wait in a box junction when oncoming traffic prevents you from turning right

Parking

- 8 The nearest you can park to a junction is 10 metres (32 feet)
- 9 You must not park on a pedestrian crossing or on zig zag lines
- 10 Never park in a disabled only parking space unless permitted i.e. you are a blue badge holder

Reversing

- 11 You must not reverse for longer than necessary

- 12 Never reverse from a side road onto a main road
- 13 When reversing, you are more of a hazard to other road users when you steer, and the front of your car swings out

Pedestrian Crossings

- 14 At a Zebra Crossing, pedestrians have priority. You must not wave them across the road, let them make their own decision
- 15 Toucan Crossings can be use by cyclists and pedestrians
- 16 Pelican Crossings have a flashing amber light. This means you must give way to pedestrians who are still crossing, but you can continue if the crossing is clear
- 17 Puffin Crossings have a sensor
- 18 Pegasus Crossings are for pedestrians and horse riders

Bus and Cycle Lanes

- 19 You must not drive in a bus lane during its hours of operation. The hours of operation will be marked on the bus lane road sign.
- 20 You must not drive in a cycle lane marked by a solid white line during its period of operation
- 21 A cycle lane marked by a broken white line means you should not drive in, or park in the lane unless it is unavoidable

Others

- 22 When waiting at a level crossing, if the red lights continue to flash after a train has passed, you must continue to wait
- 23 If a car overtakes you at night and you have your headlights on full beam, you should switch them to dipped as soon as the vehicle passes you