

Motorists and horse riders both have a right to use the road. They also share a responsibility to consider each other's needs.

Many riders have taken The British Horse Society's national Riding and Road Safety Test. More information about the riding test and a leaflet for riders, 'Road Sense for Riders', is available from:

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Horse sense
for Motorists



THINK!

Have some horse
sense on the road



As a motorist you should:



- Look out for horses being led or ridden on the road



- At left-hand bends and on narrow country roads – take extra care and keep your speed down



- When behind a horse rider – give them plenty of room and be ready to stop



- Do not sound your horn or rev your engine – horses are powerful but vulnerable animals, easily scared by noise and may panic around fast moving vehicles



Mutual courtesy and care between motorists and riders is important to prevent intolerance and improve safety.



A horse rider should acknowledge a courtesy; however, a wave or acknowledgement is not always possible as two hands are often needed to keep control of the horse, but a nod and a friendly smile are the least you should expect.

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- When overtaking – **pass wide** and **slow**

- Watch out for horse riders' signals and heed a request to slow down or stop

Riders should signal their intentions, but drivers should be aware that horses are unpredictable and a rider on a young or frightened horse may have their hands full.



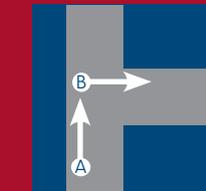
- Horse riders are often youngsters – so take extra care



- For increased safety, riders may ride in double file when escorting a young or inexperienced horse rider



- Look out for horse riders turning right



Horse riders keep to the left of the road even when turning right – it is unsafe for them to position a horse between lines of traffic where they can panic, sandwiched with no escape route.

- Look out for horse riders on roundabouts



When on a roundabout, horse riders will normally signal right only when approaching exits they DO NOT intend to use. Horse riders will keep to the left within the roundabout until reaching their exit, when they signal left.

- Treat all horses as a potential hazard and expect the unexpected