

## New lane filtering laws

Motorcycle lane filtering laws now apply in NSW. Our new animation explains the new laws and shows how to lane filter safely.



### What is lane filtering?

Lane filtering is when a motorcycle rider moves alongside vehicles that have either stopped or are moving slowly (less than 30 km/h).

### What motorcyclists need to know about safe lane filtering

- Motorcycle lane filtering laws now apply in NSW, with strict conditions
- Motorcyclists must only lane filter when travelling less than 30 km/h
- Motorcyclists can lane filter through stationary and slow moving traffic
- Motorcyclists caught moving between traffic at over 30km/h face heavy fines and three demerit points under a new offence called 'lane splitting'
- It will be illegal for motorcyclists to lane filter:
  - next to the kerb
  - next to parked vehicles
  - in school zones
- Motorcyclists should always look out for pedestrians and cyclists
- Motorcyclists should not lane filter around heavy vehicles and buses
- Only fully licensed motorcyclists are allowed to lane filter
- Motorcyclists must only lane filter when it's safe
- Motorcyclists must comply with all existing road rules when lane filtering. This includes stopping before the stop line at a red traffic light or stop sign, never in front or over it.

### Safety information for other road users

#### Motorists

Motorists should always check twice for motorcycles.

Motorists should not deliberately move into the path of a motorcyclist who is lane filtering.

To ensure safety, motorcyclists:

- Are only allowed to lane filter when they are travelling less than 30 km/h
- Are only allowed to lane filter when they do it safely
- Should not be lane filtering around heavy vehicles and buses.

#### Pedestrians

Pedestrians should always check twice for motorcycles.

Pedestrians should always cross at pedestrian crossings or traffic lights where they are available.

To help protect the safety of pedestrians, motorcyclists:

- Are being advised to always look out for pedestrians when lane filtering
- Should not lane filter near buses
- Should not lane filter near parked vehicles
- Are not allowed to lane filter in school zones
- Are only allowed to lane filter when it's safe.

## Cyclists

Cyclists should always check twice for motorcycles.

To help protect the safety of cyclists, motorcyclists:

- Are being advised to always look out for cyclists when lane filtering
- Are not allowed to lane filter next to the kerb
- Should not lane filter near heavy vehicles or buses
- Should not lane filter near parked vehicles
- Are only allowed to lane filter when it's safe.

The [Road Transport Legislation Amendment \(Lane Use by Motor Bikes\) Regulation 2014 \(PDF, 34kB\)](#)  has details of the new laws.