

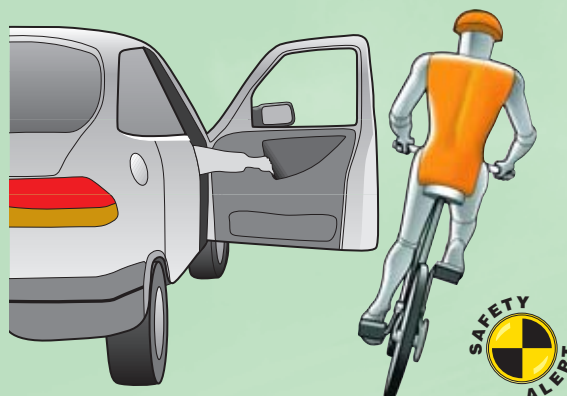
7 Overtaking parked vehicles

A high level of observation is needed when you plan to overtake a parked vehicle:-

- Is the driver still behind the wheel?
- Is the engine running?
- Is an indicator flashing?

If so, the driver could be about to move off.

- Look out for pedestrians who may cross from between parked cars
- Always look behind for traffic before you attempt to pull out to overtake a parked vehicle. If traffic is too close, pull into the left and wait until it has passed
- When it is safe to overtake, give a clear right arm signal and pass the vehicle, leaving plenty of room should a door be opened
- Having passed any parked vehicles, return to the left side of the road. There is no need to signal



8 Large Vehicles

Cyclists and large vehicles do not mix well. Therefore a great deal of care and consideration is needed by both.

Most incidents involving cyclists occur when large vehicles are:

- Turning left at a junction across the path of a cyclist or
- Overtaking a cyclist

When cycling near large vehicles

- Avoid riding on the inside of a lorry. Wait until it moves off
- Be aware that although drivers may not indicate, they could still turn
- All vehicles have blind spots, so presume that you may not have been seen and always wait for them to pull off before setting off yourself
- Be mindful that side winds from large vehicles may affect your stability as they pass
- Make sure that your clothing is highly visible, that you wear a helmet, keep clear of the kerb – and give good clear signals to warn all drivers of your intentions

