

**Cycling Matters**

**Dear Drivers:  
A Guide for  
Cyclist-Friendly  
Driving**

English



# Dear Drivers,

Philippine roads present unique challenges for any motorist. Our spectrum of road users range from pedestrians and pedicabs, to motorcycles and tricycles, buses and jeepneys, big and small trucks, and of course, private vehicles of every size and shape. Over the past few decades, we have also seen more and more people taking to bikes for fitness or transport, but the last couple of years have seen an even more dramatic increase in the number of cyclists on the road.

It is in consideration of that last development that we write this guide for you. Because increasing the modal share of bike transport can only be good for everyone. After all, the bicycle is an accessible, sustainable, and efficient mode of transport. And having more people choose the bike as their mode of transport means having less congestion and pollution in our cities.

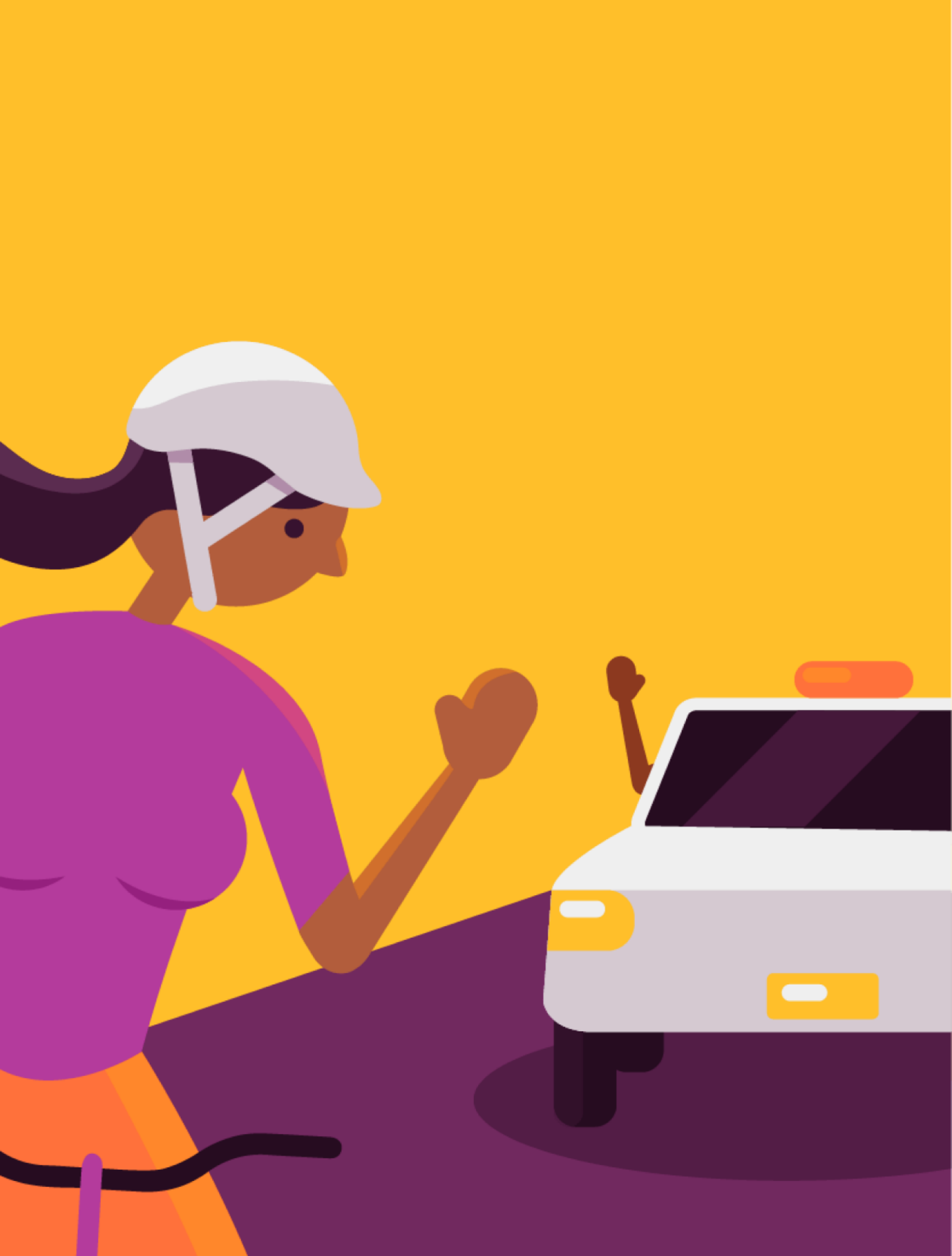
But people on bikes are also vulnerable road users, which means that they require unique considerations from other people who share the road with them. Of course, building infrastructure to support cycles is a crucial part of keeping cyclists safe, but we can also do much in growing a culture of care for road users who are more vulnerable.

Which is what this guide is about.

We hope that the contents of this manual can help us make cyclists safer on the road. Because we are responsible for one another, whatever vehicle we have chosen to drive.

Yours,

Cycling Matters

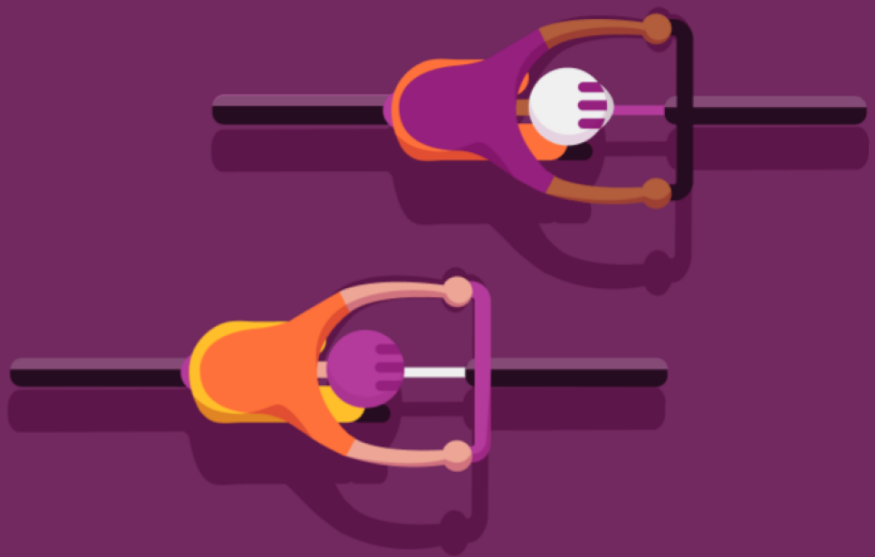
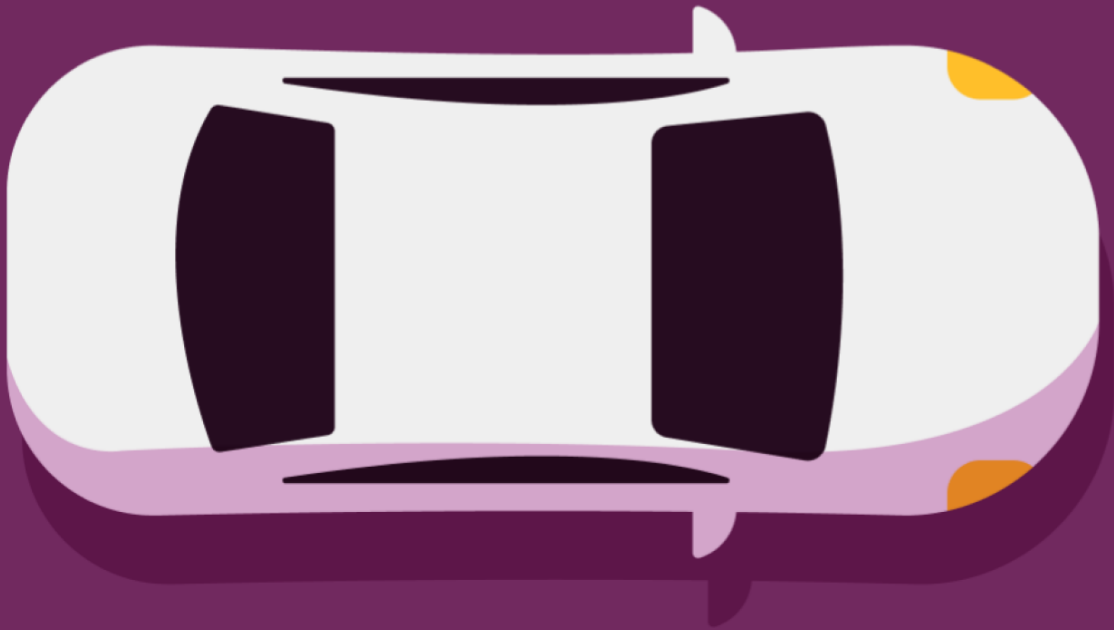


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**Understand that bikes are road vehicles that carry vulnerable users, but have the same right to the use of the road and the space in a lane.**

Cycling groups that ride two abreast are actually a good safety measure for cyclists with more experience.

a. Vulnerable road users require care from motorists.



## 2

# Space.

Road hazards can have a greater impact on bikes, which means that cyclists may move laterally to avoid such hazards or slow down. This is why enough space must be given when sharing the road with cyclists.

- a. Do not come up too close from behind. Cyclists are vulnerable road users and can feel insecure when tailgated.
- b. Overtake while allowing safe passing distance. Don't squeeze through if there is barely enough space. Be patient and wait for a safe opportunity to pass people on bikes.
- c. Leave extra room when it is dark or when weather conditions are wet.

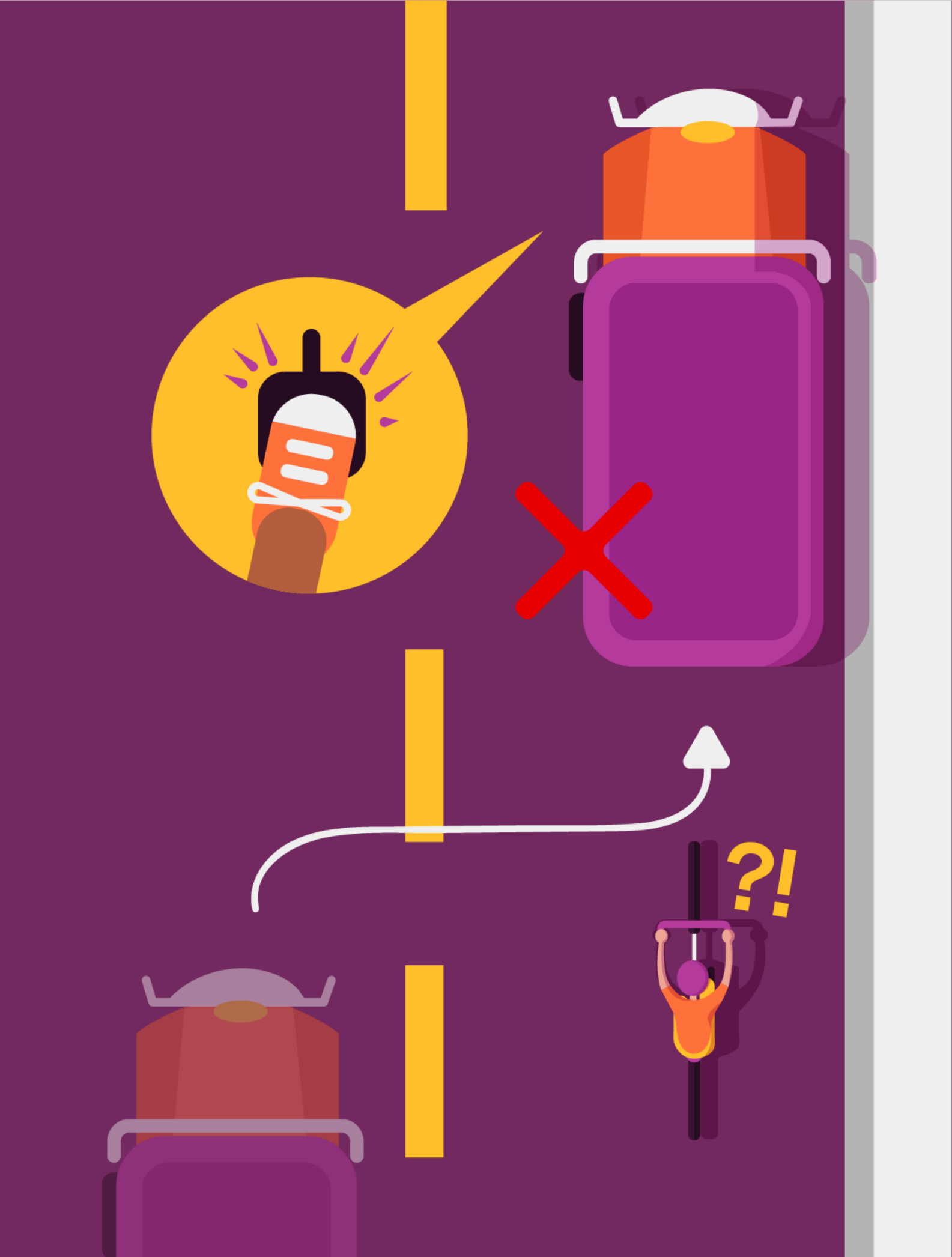




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**A car horn can be very loud to a person on a bike.**

- a. Do not use a car horn to signal impatience at a cyclist.



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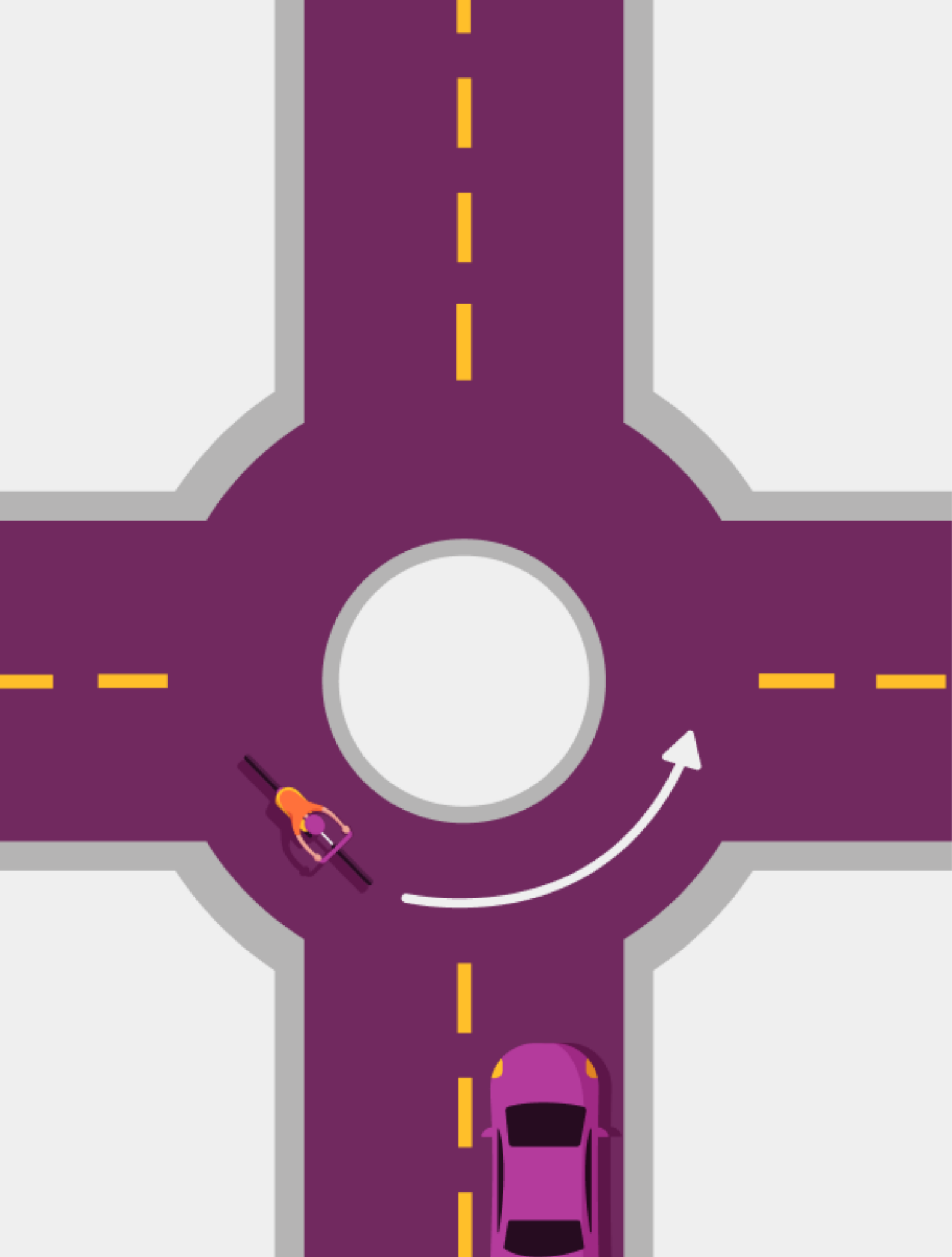
**Do not overtake cyclists and then make a sudden stop that blocks their way.**

This is more common for PUV drivers.



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**Do not overtake a cyclist close to a turn you intend to take and then cut them off by swerving.**



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**Yield to cyclists when possible.**





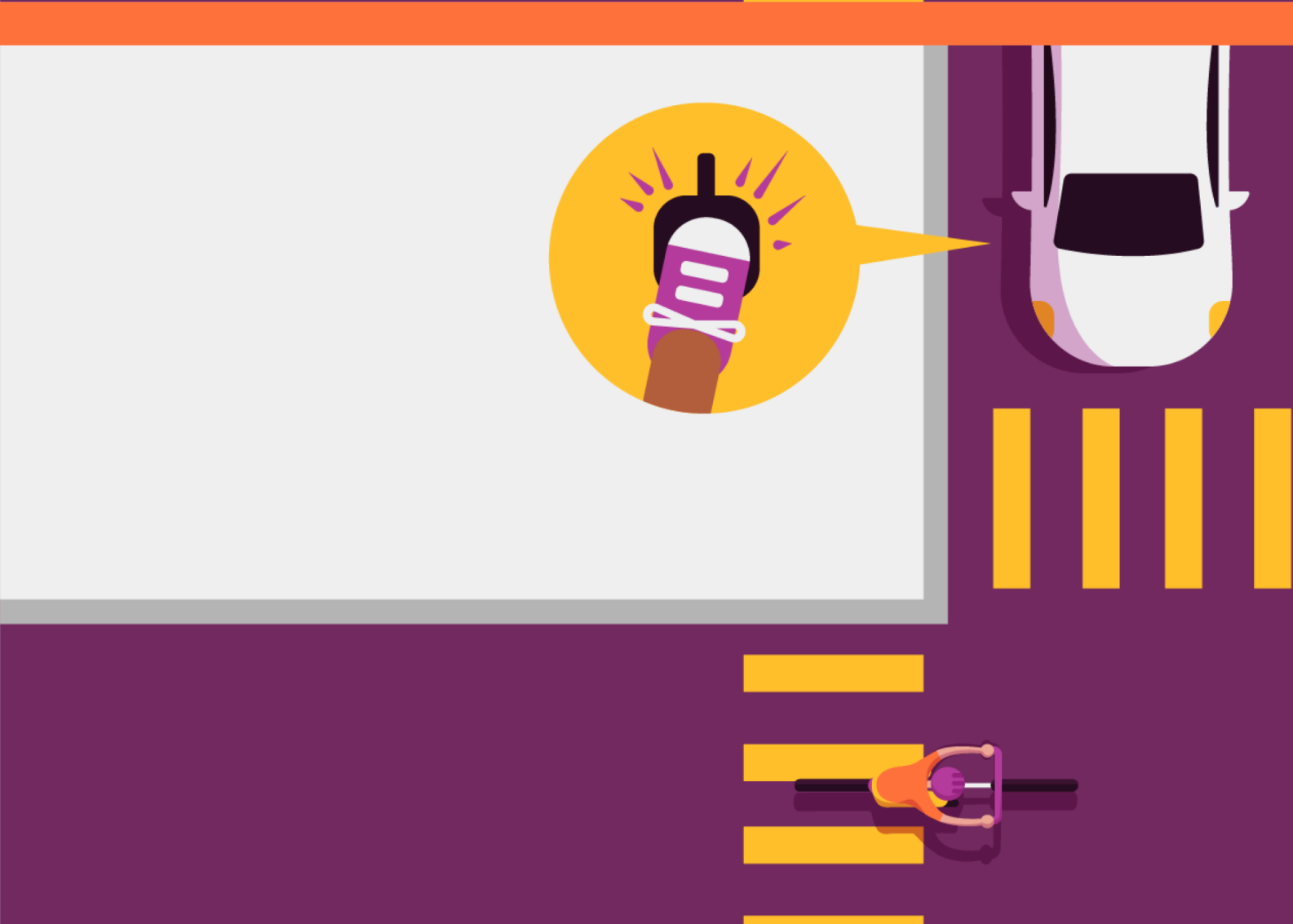
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**Be careful when opening your car door if you are parked along a street.**



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**Be aware that there are people on bikes riding on our roads.**



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## **Give way at intersections. Do not underestimate the speed of a cyclist.**

It is always better to yield when the cyclist has the right of way even if they appear far from the intersection.



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**Do not park on bike lanes. Do not be on bike lanes at all.**





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**Be aware of your vehicle's blind spots, and that cyclists might be in those blind spots.**



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**Use your signal indicators to communicate your intentions to cyclists.**

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**Learn cycling hand signals.**



## Turning Left

Pointing to the left. Indicates that the cyclist is about to turn left.



## Turning Right

Pointing to the right. Indicates that the cyclist is about to turn right.



## Slow Down

Gesturing with open palm towards the ground. Indicates that there is an oncoming hazard or obstruction that requires the cyclist to slow down.



## Stop

Raising a clenched fist. Indicates that the cyclist is about to stop.



## Gravel

Gesturing with open palm towards the ground and waving at the area where there is gravel. Indicates that there is gravel on the road that presents a hazard.



## Pothole

Pointing at the pothole. Indicates that there is an oncoming pothole.



## Move to the Left

Moving right hand across the back towards the left. Warns the cyclist behind to move to the left to avoid an obstruction.



## Move to the Right

Moving left hand across the back towards the right. Warns the cyclist behind to move to the left to avoid an obstruction.





## Go Ahead

Fanning hand forward to signal a fellow cyclist or driver to go ahead.

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