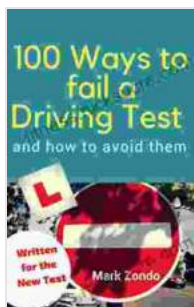


Prepare for the New Highway Code Updates in 2024: A Comprehensive Guide

As a responsible driver, staying abreast of the latest road safety regulations is paramount. In 2024, the Highway Code will undergo a significant revision to enhance safety for all road users. This article serves as a comprehensive guide to the upcoming changes, providing detailed explanations and practical tips to ensure you're fully compliant and driving safely.



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Key Changes in the 2024 Highway Code

Hierarchy of Road Users

A fundamental shift in the 2024 Highway Code is the of a "hierarchy of road users." This prioritizes vulnerable road users, placing pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders at the top of the hierarchy. Drivers hold greater

responsibility to protect these vulnerable individuals, yielding to them at junctions and ensuring they have ample space while overtaking.



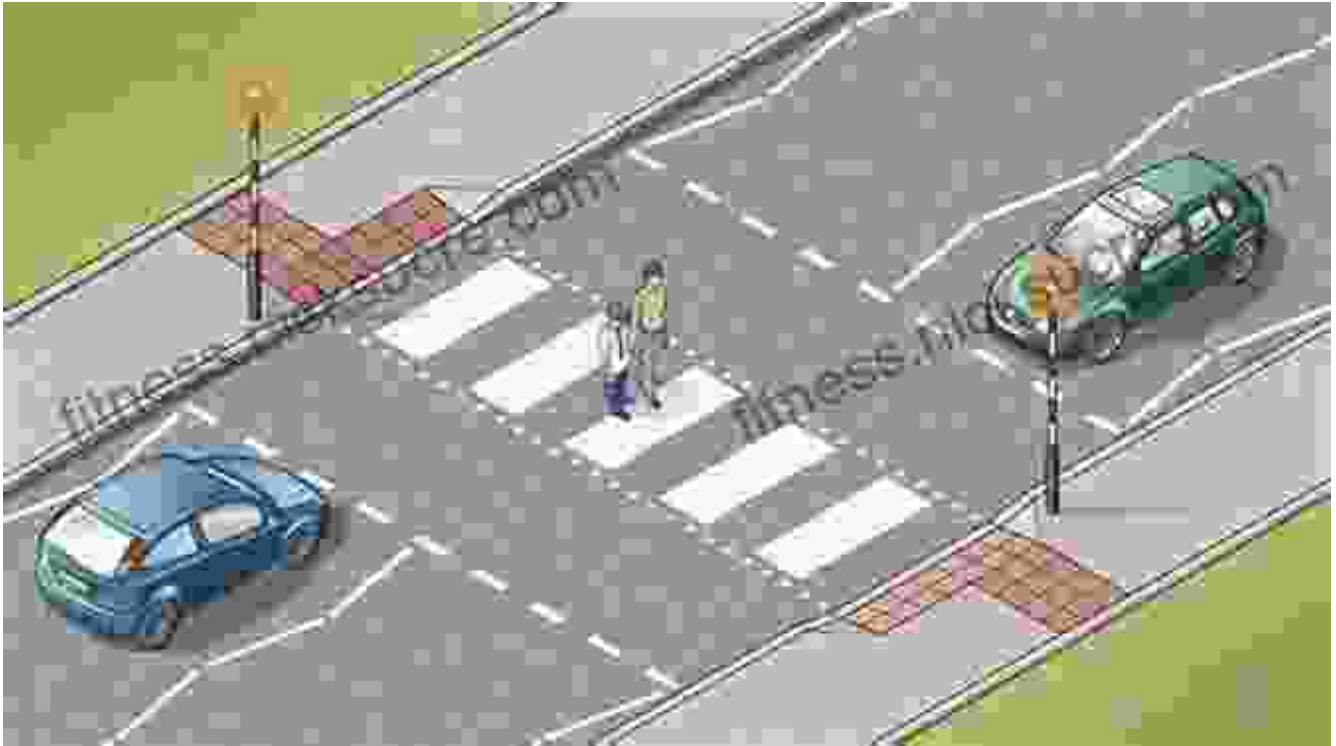
Cyclist Safety

The new Highway Code places greater emphasis on cyclist safety. Drivers must now give cyclists at least 1.5 meters of space when overtaking, and should not cut across their path when turning at junctions. Roundabouts see significant changes, with priority given to cyclists on the roundabout, and drivers required to give way to them when entering or exiting.



Pedestrian Safety

Pedestrians are the most vulnerable road users, and the 2024 Highway Code introduces several measures to enhance their safety. Drivers must now stop at zebra crossings and give way to pedestrians waiting to cross, even if they have started crossing. Pedestrians also have priority at junctions, and drivers must take extra care when turning or reversing.



Junctions

The Highway Code makes changes to priority at junctions. At roundabouts, cyclists now have priority over drivers entering and exiting. At T-junctions, drivers must give way to vehicles already on the main road, even if they have to stop and wait. These changes aim to improve traffic flow and reduce the risk of collisions.



Mobile Phone Use

The current Highway Code already prohibits using a mobile phone while driving. However, the 2024 update goes further, banning the use of handheld mobile phones even when stopped at traffic lights or in slow-moving traffic. This includes using the phone to take photos, send messages, or access the internet.

Speed Limits

The new Highway Code introduces a new 20 mph speed limit in certain areas, such as residential streets and outside schools. This aims to reduce accidents and create safer environments for pedestrians and cyclists.

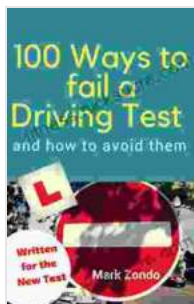


Tips for Complying with the New Highway Code

1. **Stay Informed:** Familiarize yourself with the new Highway Code rules and regulations to avoid any confusion or misunderstandings.
2. **Be Vigilant:** Pay extra attention to vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders, and adjust your driving accordingly.
3. **Yield to Pedestrians:** Always give way to pedestrians at zebra crossings and junctions, even if they have started crossing.
4. **Give Cyclists Space:** Overtake cyclists giving them at least 1.5 meters of space, and do not cut across their path when turning.

5. **Respect Roundabouts:** Give cyclists priority on roundabouts, and yield to vehicles already on the main road at T-junctions.
6. **Avoid Mobile Phone Use:** Do not use your mobile phone while driving, even when stopped at traffic lights or in slow-moving traffic.
7. **Observe Speed Limits:** Pay attention to the new 20 mph speed limits in certain areas and adjust your speed accordingly.

The upcoming Highway Code updates in 2024 aim to improve road safety for all users. By understanding and adhering to the new regulations, we can create a safer and more harmonious driving environment. Remember, road safety is a shared responsibility, and it's up to each of us to play our part. Stay informed, drive responsibly, and let's make our roads a safer place for everyone.



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