



Vulnerable Road Users Module

This module aims to increase a learner driver's ability to recognise vulnerable road users and be aware of their needs.

The outcomes are for the learner to better understand:-

- 1. How the actions of vulnerable road users may be difficult to predict**
- 2. Recognising themselves as a vulnerable road user group.**

Ask the learner to complete the pre-module evaluation sheet.

The instructor should ask the learner if they have heard the term vulnerable road user and if so, what does this term mean to them. The learner should then be asked to watch the very short video. This defines a vulnerable road user as someone whose actions are difficult to predict.

After they have watched the video the instructor should ask the following questions at some point in the lesson:-

- 1. What do drivers need to be aware of when dealing with pedestrians?** Children can be difficult to see as they are easily hidden by obstructions such as parked vehicles. They also find it difficult to judge the speed of traffic. Children and teenagers often react without thinking and older pedestrians can have limited mobility and slower reactions.

- 2. What do drivers need to be aware of when dealing with cyclists?** Cyclists are affected by poor road and weather conditions which can cause them to alter their road position suddenly. Due to their narrow profile they can be difficult to see, especially near junctions.
- 3. What do drivers need to be aware of when dealing with motorcyclists?** Motorcyclists are difficult to see, particularly at junctions and when filtering between vehicles in slow moving traffic. They are affected by poor road and weather conditions, causing them to alter road position suddenly.
- 4. What do drivers need to be aware of when dealing with horse riders?** Horse riders can be unpredictable and may suddenly change position, so it is very important to give them a wide berth, slow right down and overtake them slowly to keep the sound of the engine low as this is less likely to alarm the horse.
- 5. What can you do as a driver to help vulnerable road users?** The driver should actively search the road environment for vulnerable road users, consider their needs and challenges carefully and react accordingly. It is important that we recognise the road as a space we need to share.

The instructor should then summarise the following learning points:-

1. That the actions of vulnerable road users may be difficult to predict
2. That we need to actively search the environment for vulnerable road users and react accordingly, ensuring we give the time and space they need
3. That the road is a shared space

At the end of the lesson the instructor should ask the participant to complete the post-module evaluation.