

# Road Safety

## Staying Safe Cycling or Walking

Whether you are living, working or studying at UEA your safety is our priority. With a large number of students walking and cycling onto campus from the surrounding areas it is essential that some basic road safety rules are followed.

If you are a new international student this is even more important as traffic in the UK may be very different to your home country and it is important to be aware of this to ensure your safety both on and off campus.

All students should be reminded that normal traffic rules apply to all roads on campus. Specific signs and road markings are designed to be followed for pedestrians and cyclists alike to ensure your safety and failure to adhere to these could result in an accident.

**Please take a few moments to review the following and to ensure your safety both at UEA and in the surrounding areas.**

### Walking

- In the UK, vehicles are driven on the left hand side of the road.
- Cars may be driven faster in town than you are used to.
- Pedestrians are not automatically given right of way.
- When crossing the road always use a crossing when there is one and be extra careful looking both ways before stepping out into the road.
- Remember to look to the right, left, and right again before crossing a road.
- Always use the pavement if there is one, if there isn't a pavement then it is safest to walk on the right hand side of the road so that you can see any traffic coming towards you.
- If you are walking when it is dark then make sure you wear something bright that will help car drivers to see you.

### Cycling

- Do not ride with traffic coming towards you – if you are riding on the road make sure that you follow the flow of the traffic cycling on the left hand side.
- Do not ride on the pavement – unless it is a designated cycle path. These are usually indicated by a blue sign with a bicycle on it. There may also be marking on the pavement showing a bicycle.
- You must have working lights on your bike – a white one at the front and a red one at the back. It is an offence to cycle at night without these and you may also get fined by campus security. Lights can be purchased from any cycling shop in town at very little cost or from Dr Bike on Campus.
- Make sure that your cycle is in good working order.
- Always wear a cycle helmet – this will help protect you if you have an accident. Again these can be bought fairly cheaply from many places in town.
- Make yourself as visible as possible when cycling by wearing reflective and fluorescent clothing.
- Always park your cycle where it is not obstructing anyone else using cycle racks where possible and secure using a 'D' type lock.



The following short video provides some useful tips on pedestrian and cycling safety.  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJKDyEVUss](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJKDyEVUss)