

# BICYCLE REGULATIONS

## Motor Vehicles & Road Traffic Act Chapter 48:50 - Regulations

**33.** (1) Every cycle and every carriage on a road shall carry attached thereto a bell or other instrument approved by the Licensing Authority, capable of giving audible and sufficient warning of its approach or position.

(2) No person riding a cycle or driving a carriage on a road shall sound any bell or other instrument except for the purpose of giving reasonable and necessary warning of the approach or position of such cycle or carriage.

**34.** (c) the person in charge of a cycle on a road shall carry attached thereto a lamp showing to the front a white light visible from a reasonable distance, and either—

(i) a lighted lamp showing to the rear a red light, visible from a reasonable distance; or

(ii) an unobscured and efficient red reflector and in addition thereto an unobscured white surface which complies in all respects with the provisions of subregulation (2).

(2) Every white surface required to be exhibited under subregulation (1)(c) shall have an area of not less than five hundred and forty square millimetres, shall be kept clean and unobscured, and shall be so fixed that—

(a) not less than half the area lies on the off-side of the centre line of the vehicle; and

(b) not less than half the area is over two hundred and fifty-five millimetres above the ground.

For the purposes of this subregulation “white” includes the colour of polished aluminium or of chromium plating, or of a white reflective material.

**35.** (1) No person shall ride, or cause, or permit any cycle to be ridden on any road unless he complies with the provisions of this regulation.

(2) Every cycle having any wheel of which the outside diameter (including any tyre when fully inflated) exceeds four hundred and fifty-five millimetres shall—

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(a) if it is so constructed that one or more of the wheels is incapable of rotating independently of the pedals, be equipped with a braking system operating on the front wheel or both front wheels, if it has two front wheels;

b) if it is not so constructed as aforesaid, be equipped with two independent braking systems, one of which operates on the front wheel, or both the front wheels, if it has two front wheels, and the other of which operates on the rear wheel, or one of the rear wheels, if it has two rear wheels:

Provided that in the case of a tricycle not constructed or adapted for the carriage of goods it shall be a sufficient compliance with this subregulation if the tricycle is equipped with two independent braking systems operating on the front wheel if it has two rear wheels, or on the rear wheel if it has two front wheels.

(3) Every cycle other than is specified in subregulation (2) shall be equipped with at least one braking system.

(4) All braking systems required by this regulation shall be efficient and shall be kept in proper working order.

(5) For the purposes of subregulation (4), a braking system shall be deemed not to be efficient if the brake operates directly on the tyre of any wheel.

**36.** Any constable in uniform is hereby empowered and shall be permitted by the owner or other person in charge of any cycle to test and inspect the brakes of the cycle, either on a road or on any premises where the cycle is. Such a test and inspection shall not be carried out on any premises where the cycle is, unless—

- (a) the cycle has been involved in an accident;
- (b) the test and inspection are carried out within 48 hours of the accident; and
- (c) the owner of the premises consents thereto.

**37.** No parent, guardian or any other person having legal custody of a child or young person **below the age of 16 years shall knowingly permit** such child or young person **to ride on a road a cycle** which does not comply with any of the provisions of this Part.

**48.** Whenever any constable or Transport Officer on point duty gives a traffic control signal to enable any vehicle to proceed in an indicated direction, **no cyclist** or pedestrian shall proceed across the current of traffic consequent upon such signal, or loiter in the roadway, or otherwise impede any vehicle from proceeding in the direction indicated.