

# ASK A RIDER: MOTORCYCLE SAFETY INSIGHTS

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what is the role of a road safety auditor in the UK?

□ A **Road Safety Auditor** in the UK plays a critical role in ensuring that road schemes are designed, constructed, and maintained to minimize safety risks for **all road users, including drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and others.** Their primary responsibility is to independently assess road projects at various stages to identify potential safety hazards and recommend measures to mitigate them. Below is a detailed explanation of their role, based on established guidelines and recent evidence, with consideration of the specific goal and broader implications.





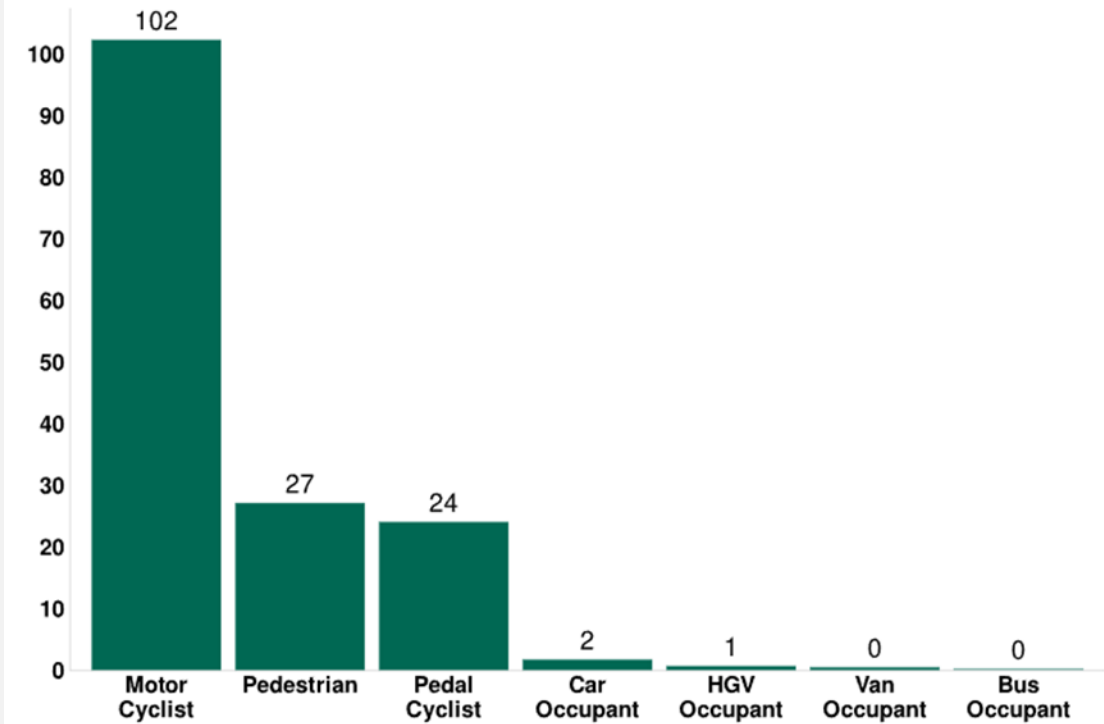
# Audience Participation Time



# Why motorcycles need your attention

- 2023: 315 motorcyclist fatalities, ~20% of UK road deaths.
- 50x more likely to die than car drivers.
- 67% of deaths on rural roads, 35% of accidents at junctions.
- Eye-tracking research: Riders scan road surfaces more than drivers.

Chart 2: Fatalities in reported road accidents per billion passenger miles by road user type, Great Britain 2023



# Messages from ordinary riders



**Dan Peck**

When resurfacing a roundabout don't do it in two lanes. This leaves a dangerous join all the way round.



**David Britton**

Pot holes. Some of them are reaching proportions that should be marked on o.s maps.



**Helen Waller**

Pot holes may only damage car steering, tyres and wheels but are a lot more dangerous for bikes.  
The center of the road is as important as each lane.  
More use of the non slip tarmac needed for the safety of all road users.  
Road markings to be non slip.  
More thought on positioning of manhole covers on bends.  
More regular drain clearance, especially after autumn begins



**Martyn Boyd**

If a road is safe for a motorcycle, then it's safe for everyone. Simple.



**Peter Moule**

Ensure you put down safe non slip overbanding, and replace slippery manhole covers, also ensuring roadside furniture/barriers don't create a hazard.



**John Furniss**

Stop using stone chippings. 🙌



**Dougie Jenks**  
Top fan

A total ban on the use of stone mastic for resurfacing and repairs.



**Andy Cameron**

When laying pipes surface the lane not the channel. These resurfaced channels leave an uneven surface and a zig zag of different tar quality which later breaks down creating ruts.

Clear corners of obstruction (trees, signs etc).

Motorcycle awareness in driving lessons.

Remove the varied cycle lane segregation furniture.

# Vision Zero

Tingvall: “Motorcycling doesn’t fit”

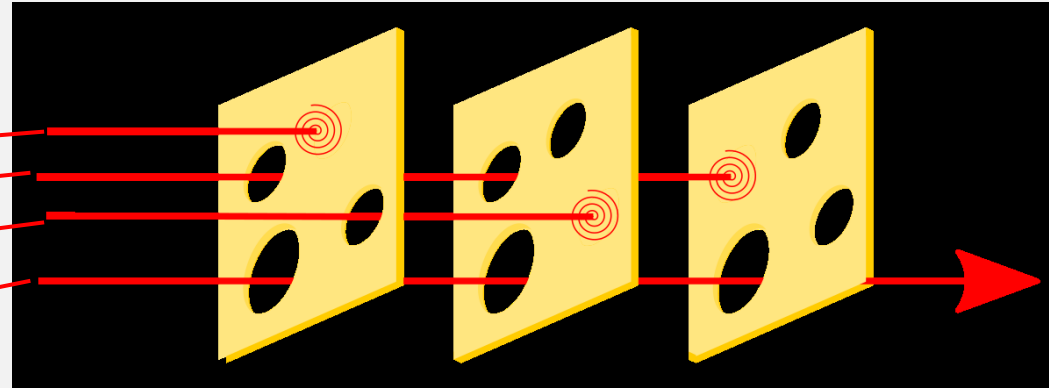


Pedestrians

Cyclists

Drivers

Motorcyclists



# Welcoming Roads



# Where Motorcycles Miss Out

- DMRB: “All road users” lacks motorcycle-specific focus.
- IHE Guidelines for Motorcycling: Detailed, but not standard in training.
- PRIMEs markings: Good start, but more urban solutions needed.
- Policy sidelining: Motorcycles overlooked in urban planning, emissions policies.



# Riding Forward Together

- Proposal: Add motorcycle safety module to RSA training (IHE Guidelines, urban focus).
- Ensure motorcycle appears on every check list
- Engage riders: MAG workshops, site visits.
- Benefits: Safer roads, inclusive designs, progress toward a welcoming road network for riders.



# Thank You

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Let's make every road welcoming for riders.

