

# Transport for London

## Cyclists killed in collisions with HGVs

A particular issue of concern to Transport for London has been the number of cyclists killed and injured in HGV collisions.

The headline figures are;

1. More than half of all cyclists killed on the roads in London are involved in collisions with goods vehicles.
2. Most fatal collisions are largely caused to cyclists by HGV's executing a turn left manoeuvre.
3. 60 cyclists have been killed London wide in collisions involving goods vehicles between January 1999 and November 2005.

Cyclists face a particular danger from heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) turning left as situations can arise where HGV drivers are not able to see cyclists between their vehicle and the kerb; specifically - the cyclist is in the driver's blind spot.

This is perhaps complicated by the lorry swinging to the right before completing the left hand turn. Many cyclists do not appreciate how the rear wheels of a large vehicle cut across the corner when making a turn and HGV Drivers are often unaware of the cyclist on the inside of their vehicle until after the incident.

Advice is not always straightforward as many of London roads have cycle lanes and the increased use of advanced stop lines (ASL's). Where there are cycle lanes and / or ASL's the cyclist is encouraged to cycle along the inside of traffic queues.

There have been several recent cases in London where very experienced cyclists have been killed in these situations.

Transport for London welcomes any safety legislation that would improve the likelihood of a driver being able to see a cyclist in the vicinity of the vehicle; especially on the inside of the vehicle before making a turn manoeuvre.

With the increased numbers of people cycling in London this type of collision is likely to increase.