Navigating Traffic Scenarios Safely

(A Guide for Cyclists & Motorists)

Be gracious and look out for one another on the roads.

Cyclist

- [ ] Wear a helmet when cycling on roads. **RULE**
- [ ] Ensure your bicycle has at least one functioning handbrake. **RULE**
- [ ] Display front white light and rear red light/reflector from 7pm to 7am. **RULE**
- [ ] Do not use your mobile phone when cycling. **RULE**
  (Mount your mobile phone on your bicycle.)
- [ ] Wear brightly coloured and reflective clothes when cycling in the dark.
- [ ] Purchase third-party liability insurance for coverage in case of property damage or injuring others while cycling.
- [ ] Carry an ID for emergency purposes.
- [ ] Signal intentions early and ensure path is clear before switching lanes or turning.
- [ ] Look out for drainage gratings, potholes and potential roadside hazards.

Motorist

- [ ] Signal intentions early and check blind spots before switching lanes or turning. **RULE**
- [ ] Switch on headlights from 7pm to 7am. **RULE**
- [ ] Ensure cyclists have been passed safely before filtering back into lane.
- [ ] Provide a minimum distance of 1.5m when passing cyclists and other motorists.

Scan for more information about on-road rules or visit www.go.gov.sg/amrules

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Introduction:

This guide covers rules and guidelines on safe behaviour for motorists and cyclists. Through raising awareness among road users on how to share our roads safely and graciously, we hope to make journeys more enjoyable for everyone. Examples are shown to illustrate appropriate practices in different scenarios and are not meant to be exhaustive.

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"I am both a cyclist and a motorist. As a cyclist, I hope to enjoy using the road as much as motorists and other road users. When I am a motorist, I make it a point to give more space when passing a cyclist. By showing kindness and patience on the road, I believe it will be safer for everyone."

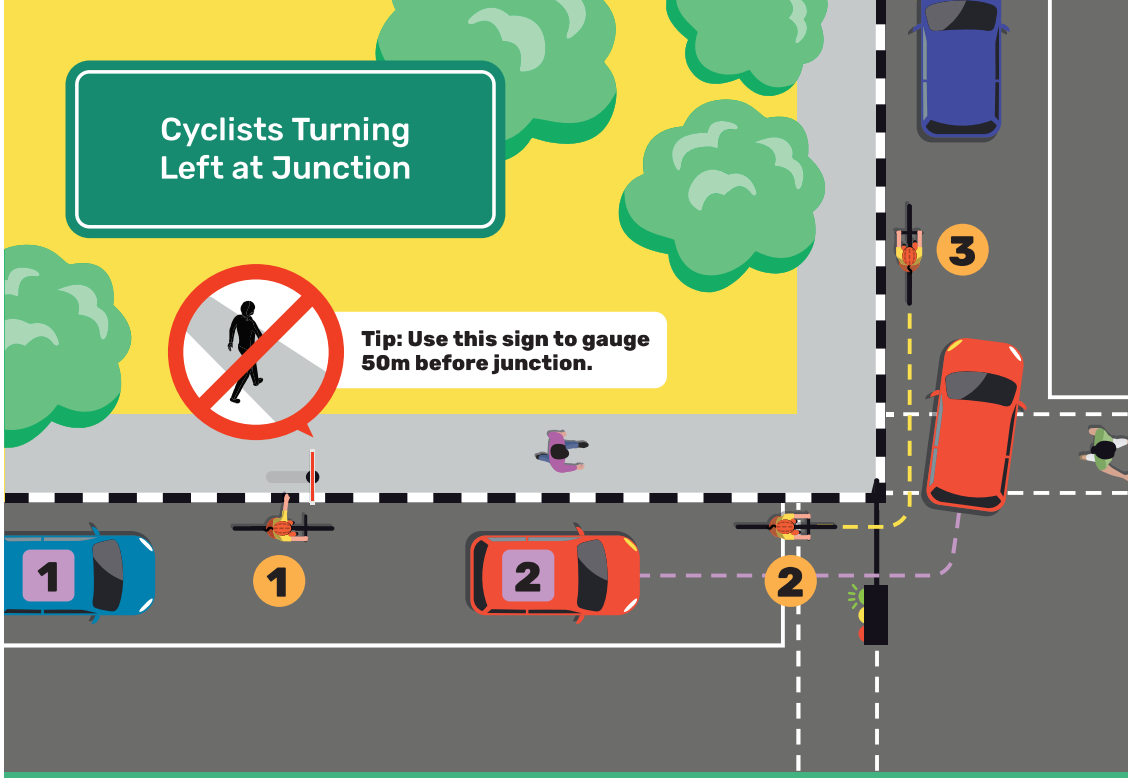
– Dr Rashid Tahir, Cyclist and Motorist

"As a bus captain, I always keep a safe following distance behind cyclists travelling on the same lane as I do not want to put an 'invisible pressure' on them. I also pay close attention to cyclists and motorcyclists as my blind spots are wider as compared to a normal car."

– Md Ahzman, Bus Captain

"It is good if cyclists and motorists can exercise graciousness and be courteous to all road users. As a cyclist, I should play my part by showing hand signals early to warn other motorists of my intentions. I also show thanks to road users who give way to me with a simple wave."

– Ang Teck Kiat, Cyclist



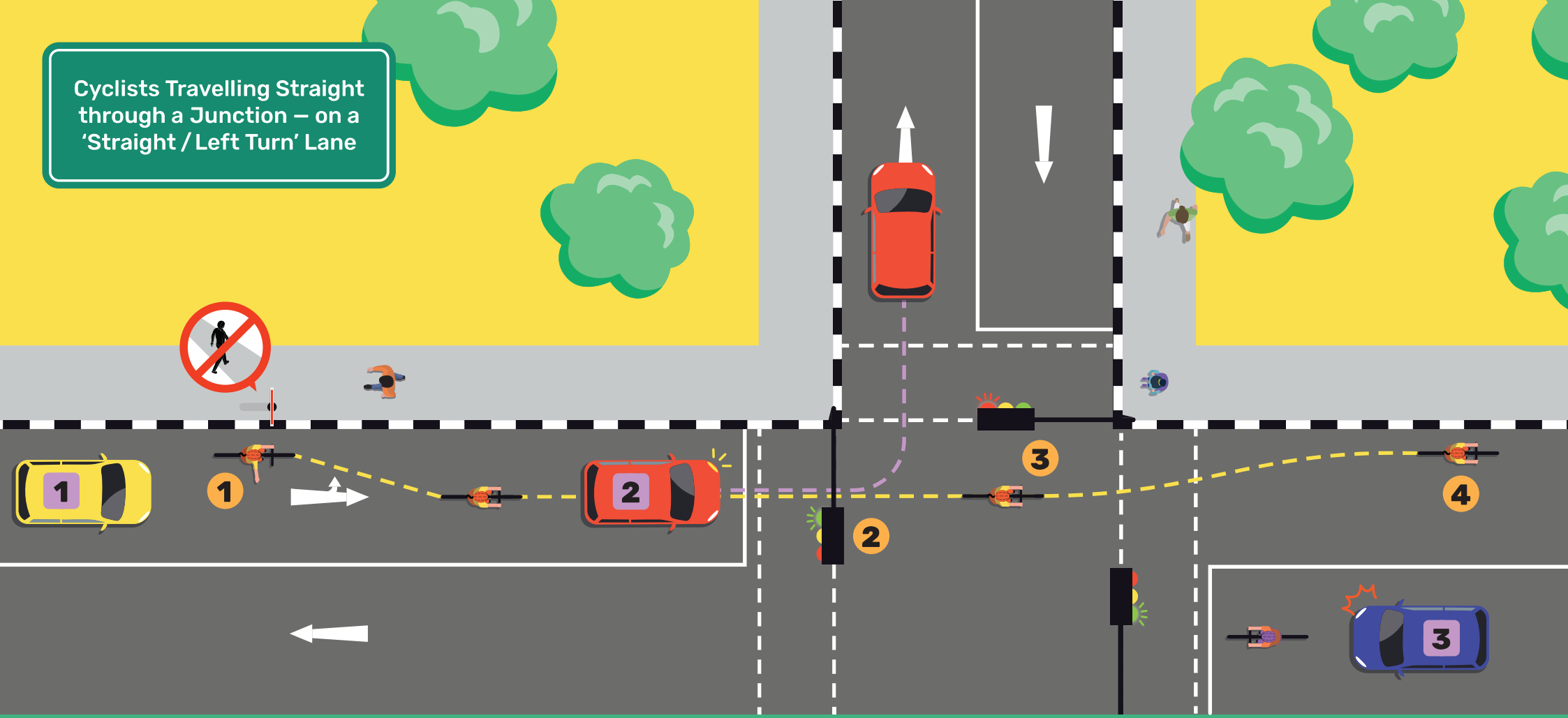
Cyclist

1. Show left turn hand signal at least 50m before junction. Use the 'No Crossing' sign as a gauge.
2. Turn only when the light is green.
3. Keep a safe distance from other vehicles. Do not attempt to cycle between a turning vehicle and the kerb.

Motorist

1. Look out for cyclists turning left and give way to them.
2. Do not tailgate. Allow sufficient space for cyclists to turn left.

Cyclists Travelling Straight through a Junction – on a 'Straight / Left Turn' Lane

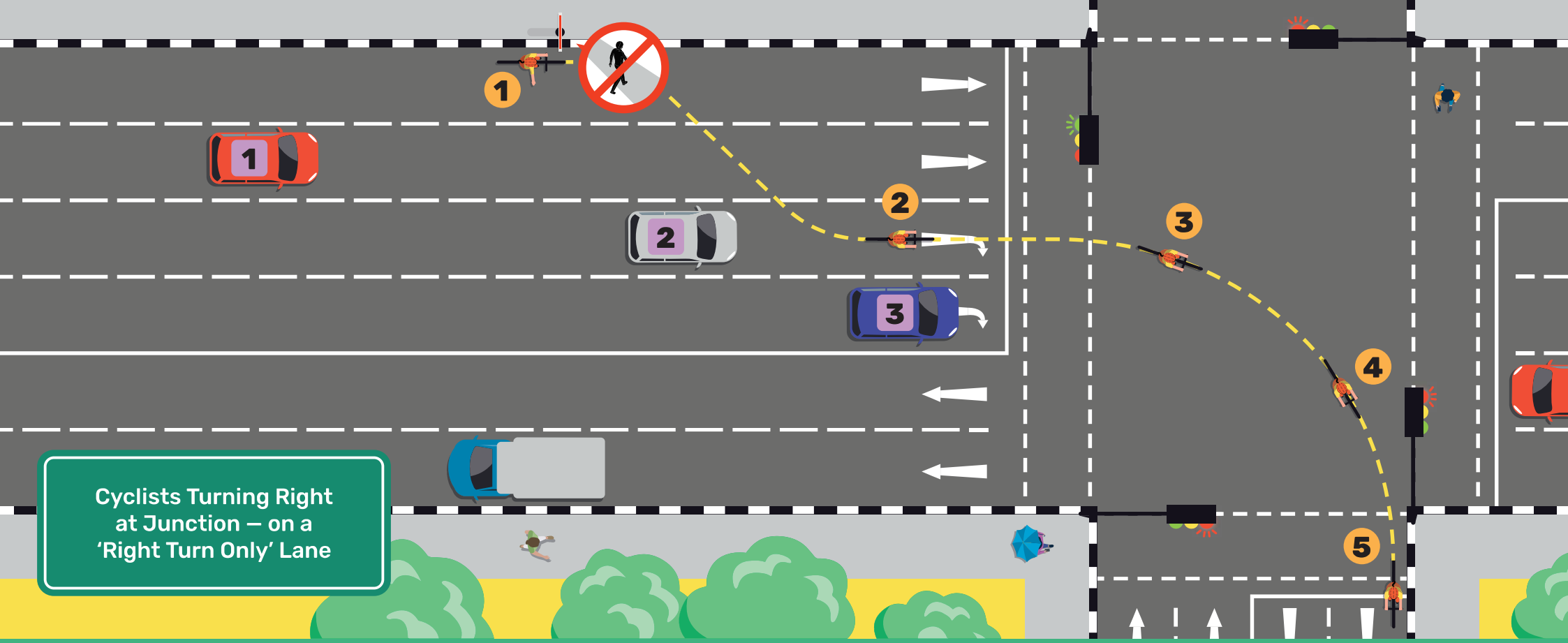


Cyclist

1. Show right turn hand signal at least 50m before junction. Look out for vehicles before moving to the centre of Lane.
2. Cross juction only when the lights is green.
3. Look out for oncoming right-turning vehicles from the opposite direction when crossing juction.
4. Move back to the left side of the lane after crossing juction.

Motorist

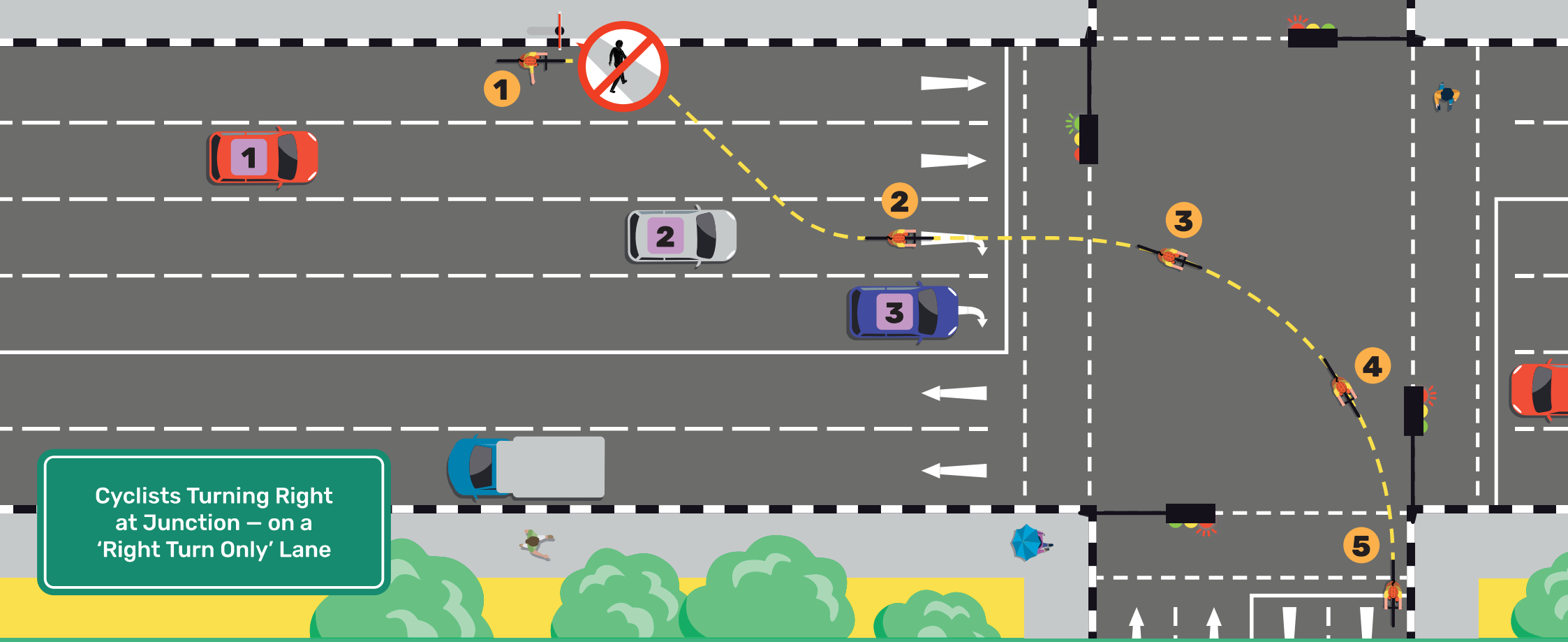
1. Allow cyclist travelling straight to move towards the centre of lane.
2. Signal intention early and check blind sport before turning left.
3. Horn only when necessary to avoid startling cyclist.



Cyclist

1. Show right turn hand signal at least 50m before junction.
2. Look out for vehicles before filtering to the right turning lane and stay in the centre of lane.
   If there is more than one right turning lane, filter to the leftmost right turning lane and stay in the centre of lane.
3. Look out for oncoming vehicles and pedestrians when turning.
4. If there is more than one right-turning lane, use a wider turning radius to give space to right-turning vehicles on the right.
   If there is only one right-turning lane, maintain lane discipline after turning right.
5. After turning right, only lane change to the left most lane when safe to do so, and keep to the left side of the lane.

Refer to next page for appropriate practices that motorists and cyclists should observe in this scenario.



Motorist

1. Maintain lane discipline, and look out for cyclists trying to filter into the leftmost right turning lane.
2. Allow for sufficient space between cyclists and vehicle.
3. Drive behind cyclists or in the lane beside cyclists when approaching the right turn.

Cyclist and Motorist

If there is only one right turning lane turning into a two-lane road, both cyclists and motorists should turn into the rightmost lane first after crossing the junction, with the exception of heavy vehicles which require a larger turning radius.
Thereafter, motorists to allow cyclists to lane change to the left before overtaking.

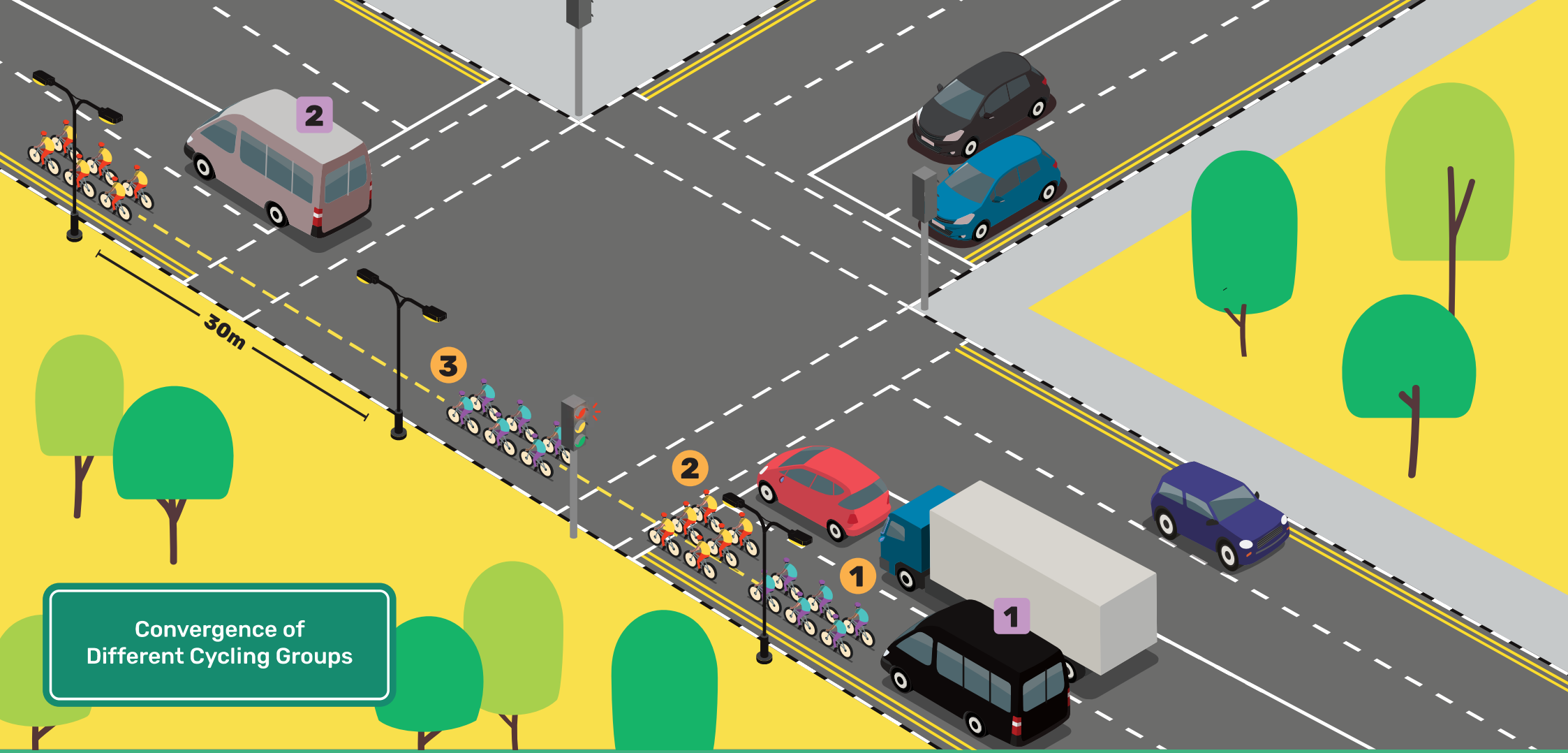
Continuation from previous page on appropriate practices that motorists and cyclists should observe in this scenario.

Cyclist

1. Use pedestrian crossing to turn right if you do not wish to filter right and mix with vehicular traffic.
2. Show the 'Stop' hand signal. Look out for vehicles behind before stopping by the side of road.
3. Dismount and push bicycle onto the pavement.
4. After turning right via pedestrian crossing, look out for vehicles before pushing bicycle back onto road. Keep to the left side of lane.

Motorist

1. Look out for cyclists and maintain a safe distance.
2. Slow down and/or filter to the right lane if necessary.



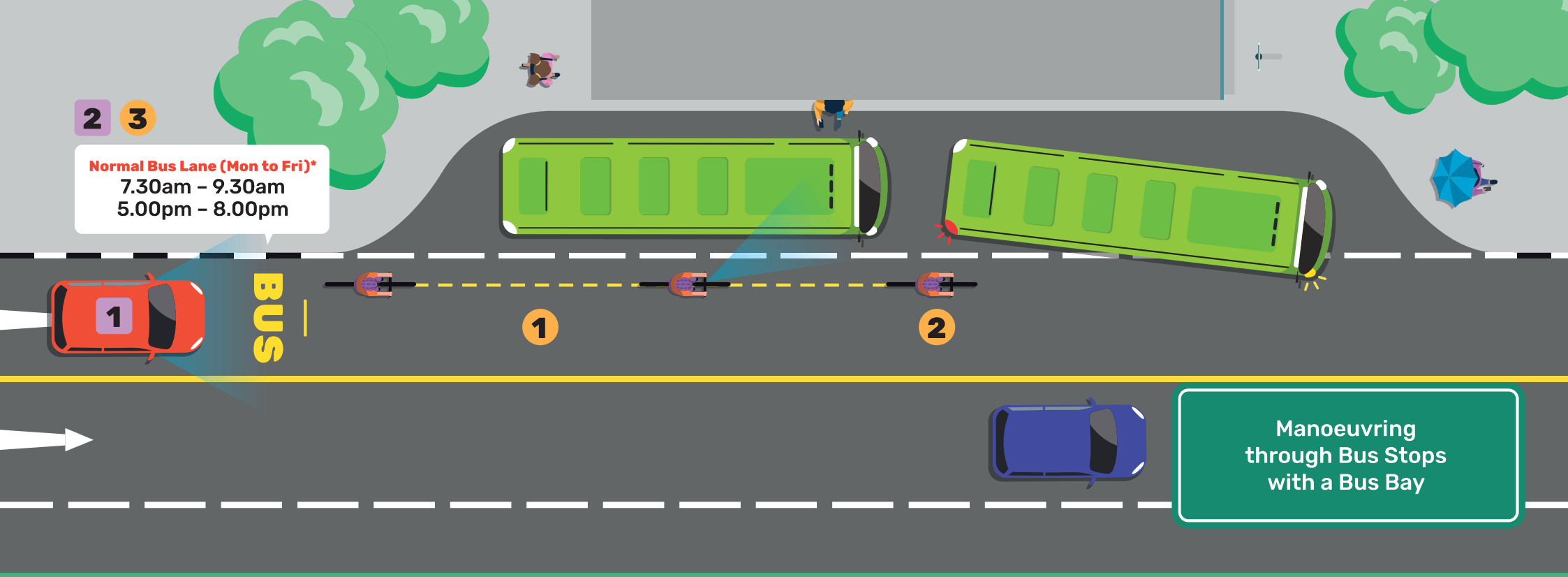
Convergence of Different Cycling Groups

Cyclist

1. When stopping at junctions, different cycling groups may converge.
2. Cyclists of the same group should try to keep close together on the left lane, and other cycling groups should form up behind the group without blocking entries or exits of other vehicles, instead of taking up the adjacent lane to the right.
3. Once the traffic light turns green, cyclists at the group behind may move off at a slower speed than the ones in front, to gradually increase the distance between groups to reach a distance of 30m or 2 lamp posts.

Motorist

1. Stop behind cyclists when stationary at junctions.
2. Keep a safe distance from cyclists.
   Avoid squeezing them to the side of the road.



Cyclist

1. Do not enter the bus bay. Slow down and look out for turn signals or indications that the bus is about to move off.

   If the bus is not moving off:
   Proceed to overtake the bus after you have checked that it is safe to do so.

   If the bus is moving off or about to move off:
   Slow down and be prepared to stop. Allow the bus to exit first before moving off.

2. Before approaching the bus bay exit, look out for buses that may be exiting and slow down.

3. Do not ride abreast on bus lanes during bus lane operating hours.*

Motorist

Bus captains should look out for cyclists or motorists on the roads, especially when entering or exiting the bus bays.

Non-bus lane operating hours:

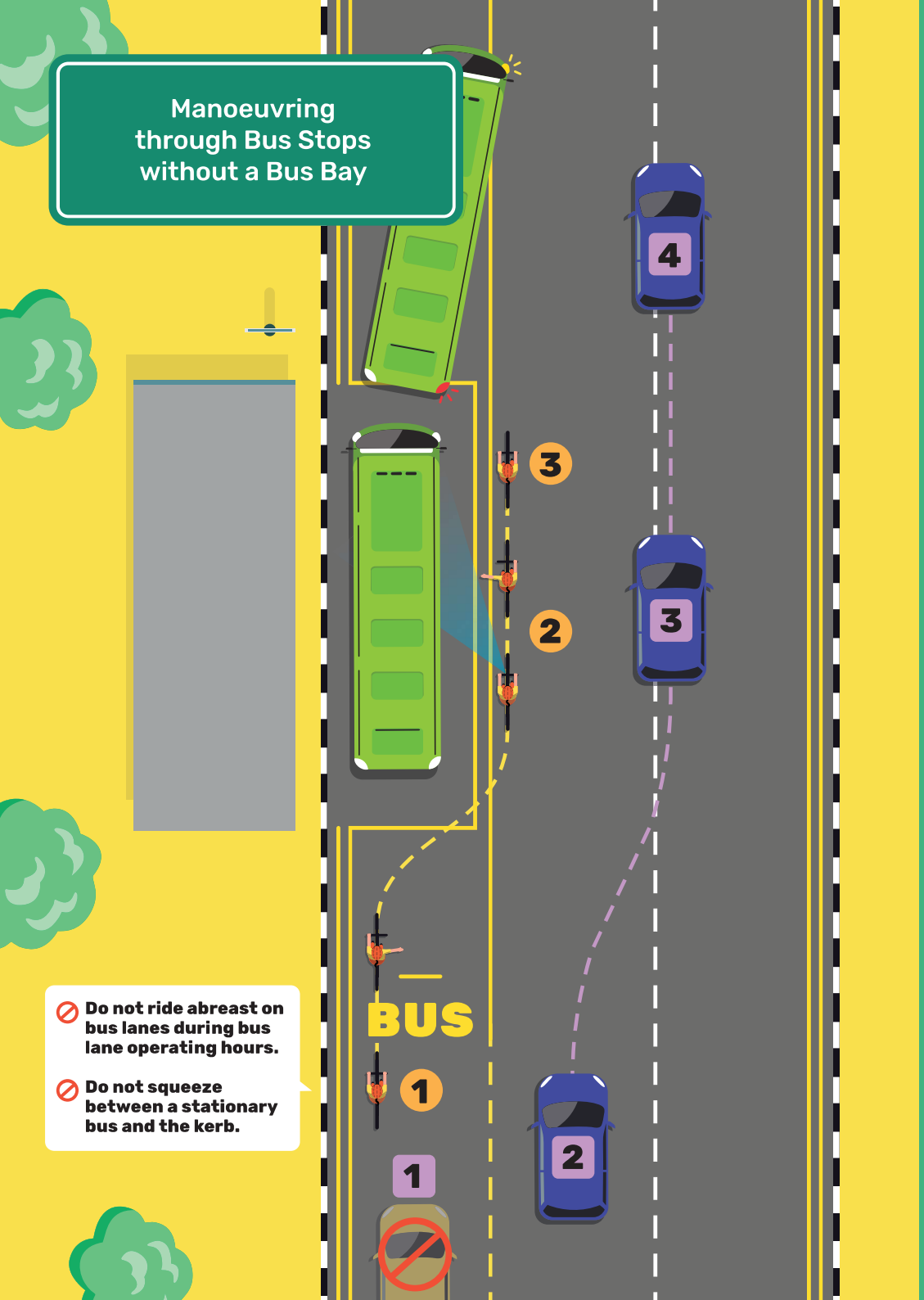
1. Look out for cyclists and buses. Cyclists may slow down to allow buses to filter into or out of the bus bay.

Full-day/normal bus lane operating hours:

2. Do not enter bus lanes during bus lane operating hours.*

***Operation hours for full-day bus lanes vary from normal bus lanes. Full-day bus lanes operate from 7.30am to 11.00pm (Mon to Sat).**

Manoeuvring through Bus Stops without a Bus Bay



- Do not ride abreast on bus lanes during bus lane operating hours.
- Do not squeeze between a stationary bus and the kerb.

Cyclist

Keep left and allow buses to enter the bus stop as you approach the bus lane.

1. Look out for turn signals or indications that the bus is about to move off.

   If the bus is not moving off:
   Show right turn hand signal and look out for approaching vehicles before overtaking bus from the right.

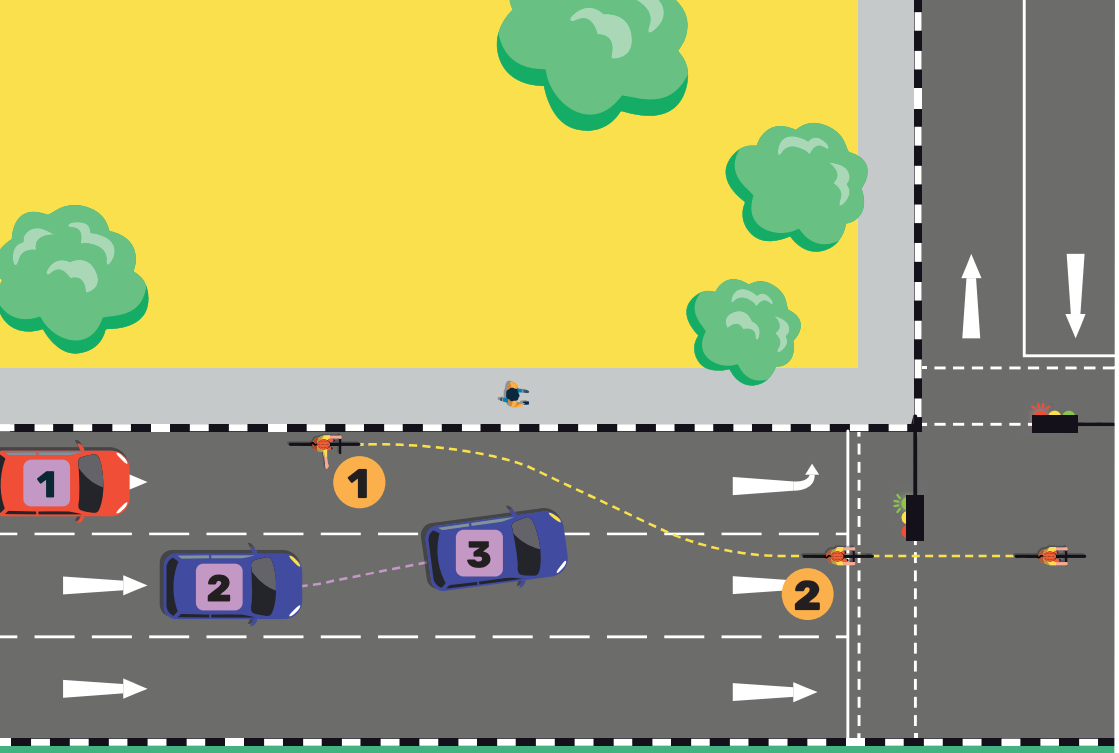
   If the bus is moving off:
   Slow down and be prepared to stop. Allow the bus to exit first before moving off.

2. Show left turn hand signal before returning to the left side of road.

3. If the bus on your left moves off while overtaking, slow down and allow the bus to exit the bus bay first.

Motorist

1. Do not enter bus lane during bus lane operating hours.
2. Look out for right turn hand signals from cyclists and allow them sufficient space to overtake buses. Cyclists should move back towards the left side of road after overtaking.
3. Keep a safe distance from cyclists.
4. Look out and give way to buses that may move into your lane when exiting.

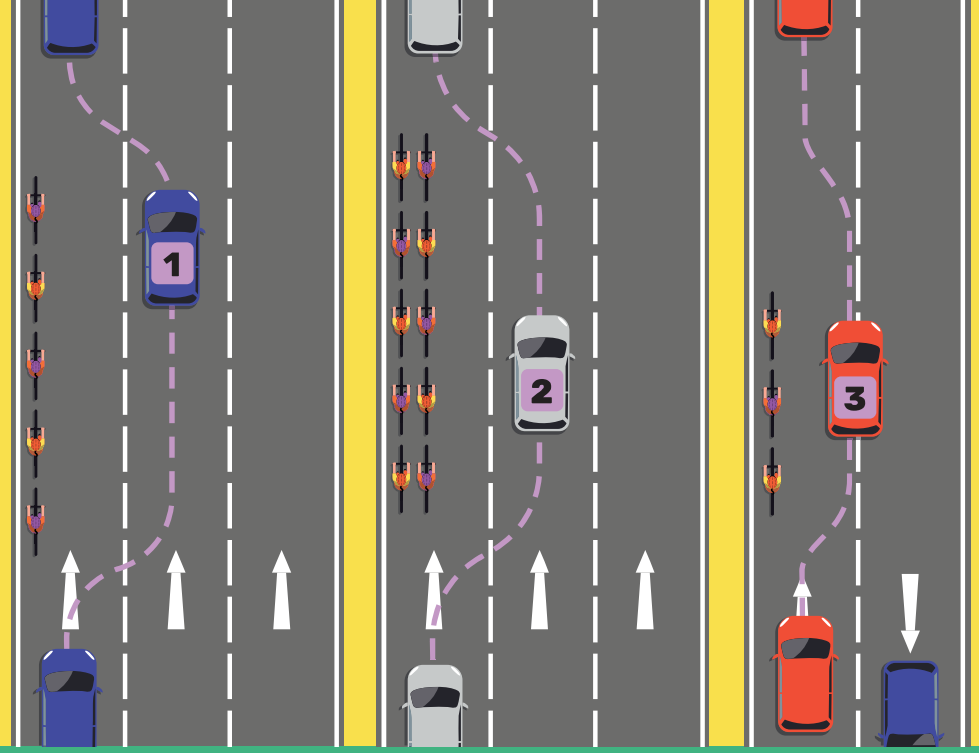


Cyclist

1. If going straight, show right turn hand signal early before filtering into the right lane.
2. Transit into the right lane when it is safe to do so and continue straight.

Motorist

1. Look out for cyclists who are slowing down and/or trying to filter to the right.
2. Slow down and allow cyclists to filter into your lane.
3. If you are filtering into the left lane, allow cyclists to pass before doing so.



Motorist

Ensure at least 1.5m passing distance when overtaking cyclists.

1. **Encountering a single file of cyclists on roads with 2 or more lanes:**
   Overtake using the next lane when it is safe.
2. **Encountering a group of cyclists riding two abreast on roads with 2 or more lanes:**
   Overtake using the next lane when it is safe.
3. **Encountering cyclists on single-lane roads:**
   Overtake only when it is safe.

Cyclists/Motorists Overtaking Cyclists

Cyclist

When being overtaken:

1. Slow down and allow others to overtake safely. Do not speed up.
2. Keep to the left side of lane.
3. Cycling groups should maintain a safe distance of 30m or 2 lamp posts between groups to allow sufficient space for vehicles that are overtaking.

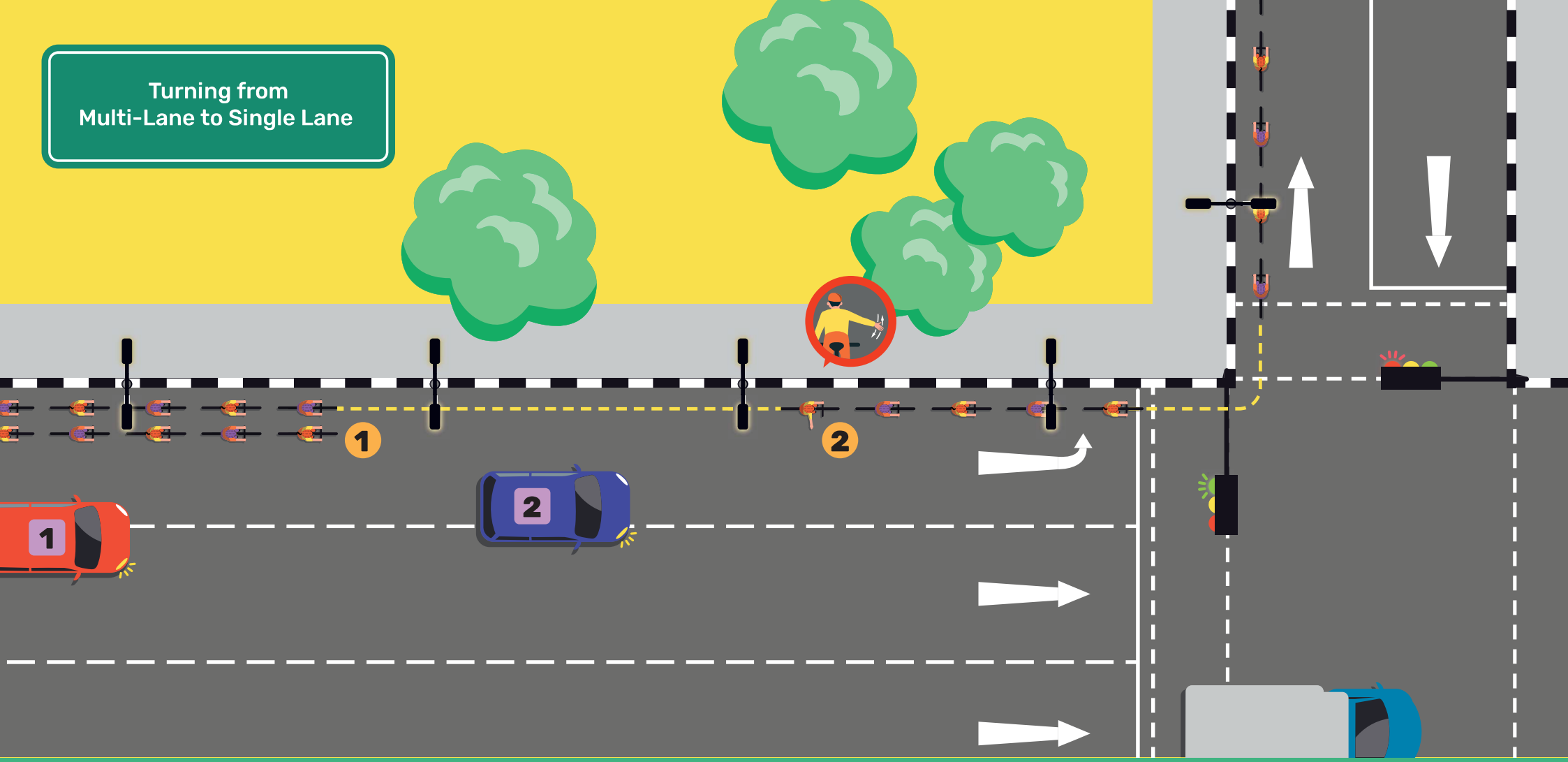
When overtaking:

4. Overtake only when it is safe. Always overtake on the right in an orderly manner and look out for the safety of other road users.

Motorist

1. Be conscious of your surroundings and overtake cyclists only when it is safe.
2. When overtaking, signal your intention early. Check the mirror and blind spots to ensure that it is safe to overtake.
3. **Ensure at least 1.5m passing distance when overtaking cyclists.**
4. Ensure that you have safely passed the cyclists before filtering back into the leftmost lane if needed.
5. If conditions do not permit, slow down behind cyclists and wait until it is safe to pass.

Turning from Multi-Lane to Single Lane



Cyclist

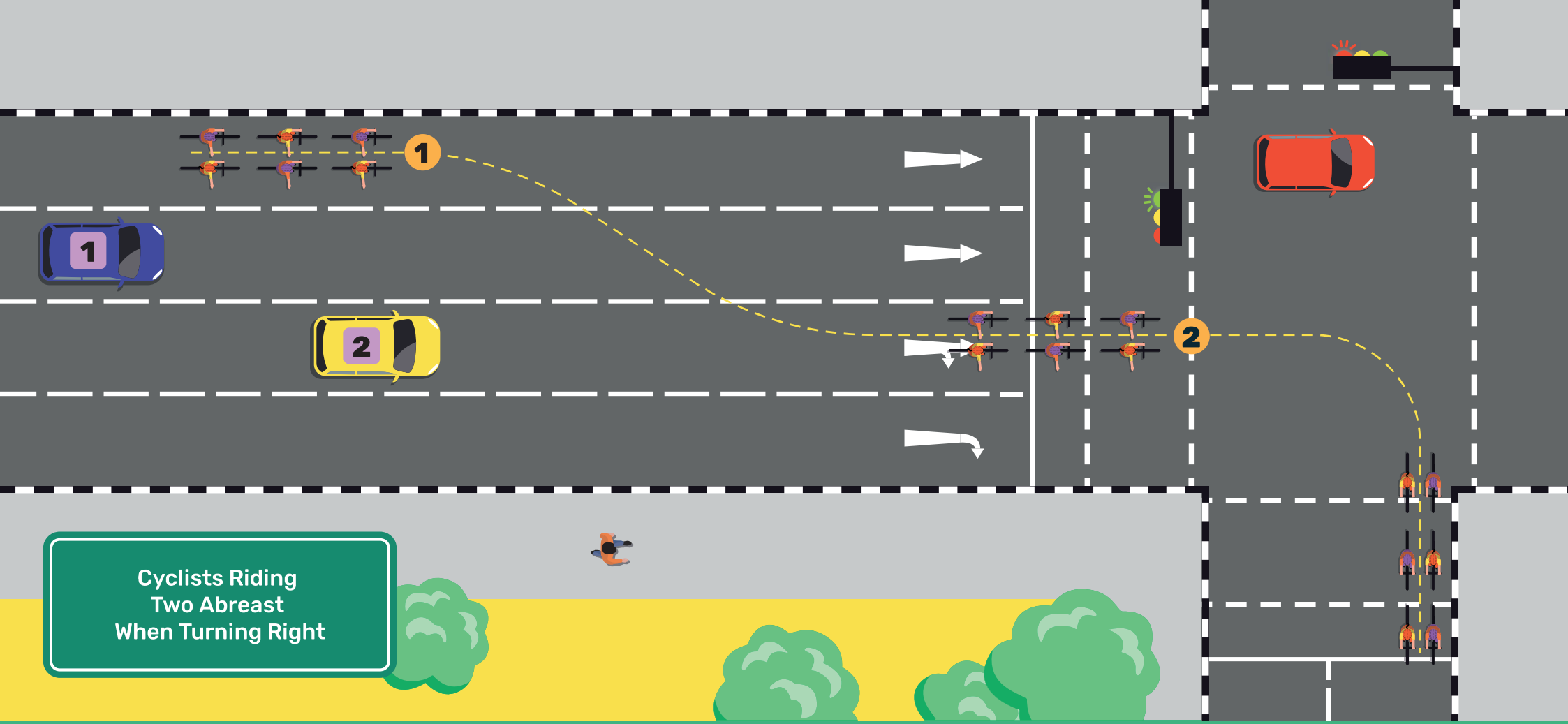
Cycling groups of more than 5:

1. Split up and form a maximum of 5 cyclists in a single file. Maintain a minimum distance of 30m or 2 lamp posts between groups.
2. When slowing down and splitting into 2 groups, use the 'Slow Down' hand signal to inform motorists.

Motorist

Encountering cycling groups of more than 5:

1. Travel between cycling groups or overtake only when it is safe.
2. Look out for cyclists who are slowing down to split into smaller groups of 5. Slow down and give way to them.



Cyclists Riding Two Abreast When Turning Right

Cyclist

Cyclists riding two abreast:

1. Cyclists may maintain their cycling formation when filtering or turning right. Show right turn hand signal early.
2. Filter into the leftmost right-turning lane. Turn right only when the traffic light permits and it is safe to do so. Ride in an orderly manner and look out for the safety of other road users.

Motorist

Encountering cyclists riding two abreast:

1. Allow cyclists to filter into lane when they signal their intentions.
2. Look out for cyclists turning right. Cyclists are allowed to keep their cycling formation when filtering or turning right.