

# HELP KEEP OUR ROADS SAFE FOR HORSE RIDERS and other users



Horse riders are particularly vulnerable when they ride on public roads, and RULE 215 of the Highway Code advises drivers of the following: -

- *Be particularly careful of horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles especially when approaching, overtaking, passing or moving away.*
- *Always pass wide and slowly. When you see a horse on a road, you should slow down to a maximum of 10 mph. Be patient, do not sound your horn or rev your engine. When safe to do so, pass wide and slow, allowing at least 2 metres of space.*
- *Look out for horse riders' and horse drivers' signals and heed a request to slow down or stop.*
- *Take great care and treat all horses as a potential hazard; they can be unpredictable, despite the efforts of their rider/driver*

**Photos or video footage from dash or hat cams that show breaches of this advice can be submitted to West Mercia Police Operation Snap.**

[www.westmercia.police.uk/operationsnap](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/operationsnap)

Any footage that is sent through to Op Snap is reviewed by a trained Traffic Officer and all offences are considered. In most cases the registered keeper of the vehicle will receive a warning letter to inform them of the incident/Offence. Op Snap believes strongly in education over prosecution if this is appropriate. However, more dangerous offences can result in prosecution and Op Snap will not tolerate repeat offenders.

Additional offences that can be reported include: -

- Someone using a device behind the wheel
- Driving without due care and attention
- Disobeying traffic laws