

Please find below some suggested advice for you as the driver regarding any illuminated footprints displayed by your vehicle and other road users. It will however require tolerance, patience and understanding. It is hoped that this could become a 'Best Practice'.

#### DRIVER SAFETY ADVICE

To improve the safety and wellbeing of all road users especially Vulnerable Road Users (VRU), you as the driver, should not drive your vehicle, or enter into, any part of an illuminated footprint which is being displayed by another road user especially any cyclist. This is a suggested "keep clear" area and is being displayed by the cyclist to offer a visual safe margin whilst cycling. The footprint area, if displayed, should help the driver to gauge a safe and adequate clearance around the cyclist when passing or overtaking.



If it is your vehicle displaying a downlight footprint then you **MUST NOT** allow your own footprint into, or upon, any cyclist's airspace especially in stop/start situations in urban environments.

If your vehicle does not have the downlight system, and the VRU does, then your vehicle should **not** enter the footprint given off by the VRU.



If drivers continually apply these practices then as a Transport Industry drivers are doing everything possible to ensure the safety of VRU's and there will be a reduction in casualties and fatalities. We should all try and promote this advice throughout our Transport Industry and encourage the VRU to abide by their part of the safety advice, which is slightly different since they are dealing with vehicles. *We are actively trying to do this through the media and safety organisations.*



In faster moving traffic as a rule of thumb try and mentally picture both your vehicle and a cyclist displaying a downlight footprint – when you are overtaking the cyclist and as a minimum clearance from each other, the perimeter of both footprints should just 'kiss' each other. This should offer an adequate clearance when overtaking.

Cyclists might have to avoid potholes and could take evasive action and may move sideways and/or fall to the ground\*.

\* Please see Highway Code Rule 163 'Overtaking' for official wording and advice.

<http://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/using-the-road---overtaking-162-to-169.html> and Rules 204 – 225 'Road Users Requiring Extra Care' <http://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/road-users-requiring-extra-care---overview-204.html>