### Risk Awareness

1. **Hazard** = the source of harm
2. **Risk** = the potential for harm
3. **Protective behaviour** = actions you can take to reduce the risk to you and/or others

#### Step-by-Step Process:
1. Identify the hazard:
2. Identify who is at risk: to self or to other
3. Identify protective behaviour

#### Examples:

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### Notes:

- **Risk** to self and/or others
- **Protective behaviour** aim to mitigate the risk.
What is the hazard: Pedestrians blocking cycle path.
Who is at risk: Risk to self and other
Protective behaviour: Slow down, ring bell, let them know you are passing

What is the hazard: Road crossing, cars could be coming from three ways.
Identify who is at risk: Risk to self
Protective behaviour: Slow down, look left, front and back, be prepared to stop.

What is the hazard: Obscured entry to cycle path
Who is at risk: Risk to self and other
Protective behaviour: Slow down/keep left

What is the hazard: Blind corner
Who is at risk: Risk to self and other
Protective behaviour: Slow down/keep left
What is the hazard: Obscured entry to cycle path
Who is at risk: Risk to self or other
Protective behaviour: Slow down/keep left

What is the hazard: Parked car, driver in car, may pull out or open door
Who is at risk: Risk to self
Protective behaviour: Be alert, be prepared to stop, check for traffic coming up behind

What is the hazard: No cycle path, footpath obstructed by construction fence, riding on road
Who is at risk: Risk to self
Protective behaviour: Be aware of traffic, don’t drift too far right. Wait for light to turn green

What is the hazard: Cars parked left of cycle lane, watch for cars entering or leaving parking spaces.
Who is at risk: Risk to self
Protective behaviour: Be alert, be prepared to stop. Check for traffic coming up behind.
What is the Hazard: Road crossing and blind corner
Who is at risk: Self
Protective behaviour: Be alert, be prepared to stop. Check for traffic from the right, left and turning traffic from in front.

What is the Hazard: Left turn through cycle lane
Who is at risk: Risk to self
Protective behaviour: Be alert, be prepared for evasive action, check for traffic from the behind.

What is the hazard: Road crossing, cars coming from right obscured
Who is at risk: Self
Protective behaviour: Slow down, be prepared to stop, check for traffic, right and turning traffic from front and behind.

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What is the hazard: Making a right turn at an intersection
Who is at risk: Self
Protective behaviour: Hook turn
Hook Turn

1. Approach and enter the intersection from the left side.
2. Move forward and wait until a safe gap appears left hand lane.
3. Then proceed into the road at which the right turn needs to be made.

Leaving the bicycle lane to turn right

What is the hazard: Traffic
Who is at risk: Self
Protective behaviour: Look back before entering the road, or hook turn at intersection.

Before you start turning right, look behind for traffic!

Risk Awareness
1. Always ride in control
2. Be aware of other path/road users
3. Also look behind for danger
4. Plan the safest way to get where you are going
5. Keep yourself and others safe