

# How to keep Critical Mass fun!



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not watching other road users



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fill spaces, cork intersections  
when needed, ride at similar speed

**About:** Critical Mass rides started in 1992 in San Francisco then 1995 in naarm Melbourne. We are all riding home together. We are traffic

**Tips:** Ride together in one group at a medium speed. Watch what's happening around you. Make friends. Have fun

**The Ride:** Ride together in one group at a medium speed. Keep the ride together through side streets & intersections, see corking tips below. Don't get strung out, ride leaders at front with maps / directions, back of ride stays in touch with everyone. See a car shaped space in the ride? Fill it and keep us together!

**Corking:** Corking, when needed, keeps the ride safe & together. Public transport and trams are our friends so do not cork them. Sometimes drivers may try to squeeze their cars into the ride. Most won't but it pays to watch what's happening around you

How to cork: 3-4 riders stay near the ride and stay stationary at each intersection point where light signals aren't long enough for the ride to travel through in one group

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### Provide feedback

Live, work or travel through an area and want to improve active transport? This can include daily things replacing car trips for a bike, cargo bike or ebike for shopping or on the school run and specific things, like road and path design, accessible, secure bicycle parking, road crossings, kerb transitions, road markings, path signage, dealing with bike lane obstructions, intersections and more. Remember, good things are possible

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