



Road Traffic Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 20

PART I

PRINCIPAL ROAD SAFETY PROVISIONS

Offences connected with riding of pedal cycles

19 Cycling when under influence of drink or drugs

- (1) A person who, when riding a cycle, not being a motor vehicle, on a road or other public place, is unfit to ride through drink or drugs shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) A person liable to be charged with an offence under this section shall not be liable to be charged—
 - (a) under section 12 of the Licensing Act 1872, with the offence of being drunk while in charge, on a highway or other public place, of a carriage, or
 - (b) under section 70 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1903, with the offence of being drunk while in charge, in a street or other place, of a carriage.
- (3) A constable may arrest without warrant a person committing an offence under this section.
- (4) In this section " unfit to ride through drink or drugs " means, as regards a person riding a cycle, under the influence of drink or a drug to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of it.
- (5) In this section " road " includes a bridleway.