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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Welcome to the exciting world of SAFE-LMD – a groundbreaking initiative at the forefront of revolutionizing Last-Mile Deliveries (LMD) in the age of e-commerce. As online sales soar to new heights, the Courier, Express, Parcel (CEP) sector has become a dynamic force, but not without its environmental challenges. With urban logistics contributing significantly to CO2 emissions and the shift towards online trade amplifying congestion and pollution, cities across the EU are taking a stand. Enter SAFE-LMD, where we're not just embracing change but steering it towards a greener, safer future.

In this unique learning experience, we dive into the heart of the matter – the cyclists navigating the urban landscape with cargo bikes, heralding a sustainable alternative for parcel deliveries. As the demand for this eco-friendly solution skyrockets, so does the need for skilled Last-Mile Delivery cyclists who can ensure both safety on the roads and a reduced environmental footprint.

It's not just about riding bikes; it's about transforming urban delivery into a safer, greener adventure for all.

The SAFELMD e-book complements the SAFELMD Vocational Open Online Course (VOOC) and summarizes the content of SAFELMD Learning Units for easy access to learners. The e-book is designed to (a) provide a quick access point to SAFELMD's material, also via mobile-phone; (b) explore the content of SAFELMD modules in a simplified way, before digging into more elaborated resources; (c) offer the opportunity to study and learn offline, for example while commuting. The e-book can also support training providers or company's in-house trainers in disseminating the SAFELMD material to interested last mile delivery bikers.

The SAFELMD project team hopes that this e-book will help you orienting in the SAFELMD landscape and will be happy to receive feedbacks on how to further improve this material.

Welcome to SAFE-LMD – where we pedal towards a sustainable future, one delivery at a time!

Sincerely,

The SAFELMD Partnership

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Learning unit ONE

Knowing goods and packaging

Lesson 1 Basic Features of Packaging

This chapter covers the essentials of packaging in three parts: types of packaging, principles of packaging, and transport and handling requirements.

Packaging logistics emphasizes the benefits derived from the integration of packaging and logistics systems, aiming to enhance supply chain efficiency and effectiveness. It involves a coordinated approach to prepare goods, ensuring safe, secure, and efficient handling, transportation, distribution, storage, retailing, consumption, and recovery. The ultimate goal is to maximize consumer value, sales, and overall profitability.

1.1.1 Basic Types of Packaging

Packaging comes in various forms, as shown in Table 1:

Packaging Type	Definition
Primary (Consumer/Sales)	Direct contact with the product, taken home by the consumer
Secondary	Contains multiple primary packages
Tertiary	Assembled on a pallet or roll container
Group	Facilitates protection, display, handling, or transport of primary packages
Transport (Industrial/Distribution)	Aids handling, transport, and storage of multiple primary packages

Figure 1 Example of packaging type

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Figure 1 provides a visual of candy packaging examples, illustrating primary, secondary, tertiary, and quaternary packaging.

Table 2: Packaging Factors Relevant for the Carrier

	Primary (P)	Secondary (S)	Tertiary (T)
Protection	✔	✔	Stability
Identification			Interstackability, Handling efficiency, Information, Transport unit adaptation

1.1.2 Basic Principles of Packaging

Proper packing ensures safe delivery of goods. Follow these steps:

- Assess and choose suitable packaging.
- Secure and protect goods, considering stacking during transport.
- Seal packages onto the base or pallet using strong restraint systems.
- Mark handling instructions.

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Figure 2 highlights additional considerations in the packaging process.

Figure 2

Figure 3 Protection materials for the inside of individual packages

Figure 4 Protection materials for the outside of individual packages

Figure 3 and Figure 4 provide details on protection materials for the inside and outside of individual packages.

1.1.3 Transport and Handling Requirements

Identify two main types of cargo bikes: two-wheeler and three-wheeler. Different packaging formats are used based on bike construction and load capacity. For bike deliveries, consider using backpacks, bicycle cargo areas, or bicycle trailers (Figure 5 and Figure 6).

Figure 5 Backpack for delivery – examples

Figure 6 Different type of bike cargo trailer

Before delivery, check package weight, total weight, labels, dimensions, handling instructions, and additional information. Ensure proper stacking, as illustrated in Figure 7.

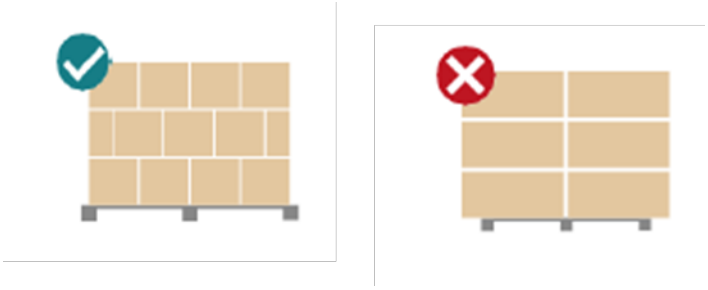


Figure 7 Stacking on the pallet

Lesson 2 Marking and Labeling

This section covers essential aspects of marking and labeling for effective package identification and handling.

Marking and labeling serve the purpose of identifying parcels and providing weight details, ensuring efficient and accurate handling during transport and upon reaching the destination. Each parcel must have an individually attached label containing a comprehensive set of identification data. Utilizing internationally recognized symbols for handling, transport, and storage is essential.

1.2.1 Identification Label

An individual tag, known as the Identification Label, contains necessary data for parcel delivery.

Graphical Symbols for Handling, Transport, and Storage of Packages

Standardized symbols depict the prescribed ways of handling, transporting, and storing packages.

Bar Code and 2D Bar Code

Barcodes, common in logistics, capture detailed order and delivery information. A 2D barcode includes both horizontal and vertical data, unlike traditional vertical barcodes.

1.2.2 Dimensions and Weight of a Parcel

All parcels have three dimensions: length, width, and height. Volumetric weight is calculated based on these dimensions, and the maximum dimensions and weight are regulated by the parcel delivery company.

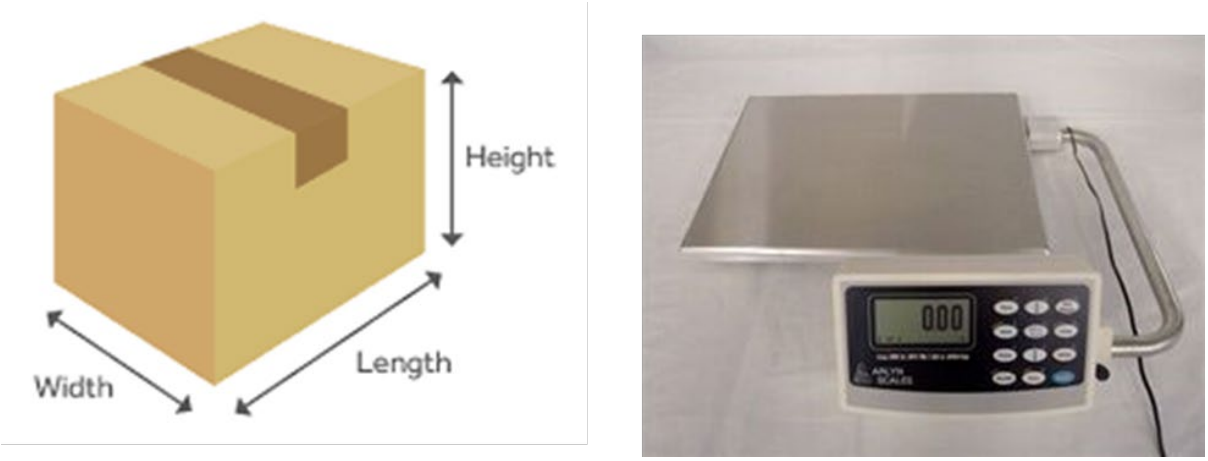


Figure 8 Dimensions and weight of a parcel

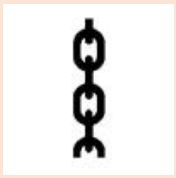
Figure 8 illustrates the dimensions and weight of a parcel.

Graphical Symbols for Handling, Transport, and Storage of Packages (ISO 780:2015)

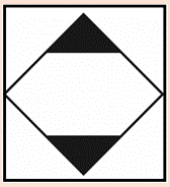
Packages are often marked with handling instructions, especially in the language of the country of origin. Graphical symbols, detailed in Table 3, offer a universal way to convey handling instructions, ensuring safety and reducing loss and damage.

Table 1 Instructions for packing, marking and shipping

Designation	Symbol	Explanation
Fragile, Handle with care		The symbol should be applied to easily broken cargoes. Cargoes marked with this symbol should be handled carefully and should never be tipped over or slung.

Use no hooks		Any other kind of point load should also be avoided with cargoes marked with this symbol. The symbol does not automatically prohibit the use of the plate hooks used for handling bagged cargo.
Top		The package must always be transported, handled and stored in such a way that the arrows always point upwards. Rolling, swinging, severe tipping or tumbling or other such handling must be avoided. The cargo need not, however, be stored "on top".
Keep away from heat (solar radiation)		Compliance with the symbol is best achieved if the cargo is kept under the coolest possible conditions. In any event, it must be kept away from additional sources of heat. It may be appropriate to enquire whether prevailing or anticipated temperatures may be harmful. This label should also be used for goods, such as butter and chocolate, which anybody knows should not be exposed to heat, in order to prevent losses.
Sling here		The symbol indicates merely where the cargo should be slung, but not the method of lifting. If the symbols are applied equidistant from the middle or centre of gravity, the package will hang level if the slings are of identical length. If this is not the case, the slinging equipment must be shortened on one side.
Keep dry		Cargoes bearing this symbol must be protected from excessive humidity and must accordingly be stored under cover. If particularly large or bulky packages cannot be stored in warehouses or sheds, they must be carefully covered with tarpaulins.
Centre of gravity		This symbol is intended to provide a clear indication of the position of the centre of gravity. To be meaningful, this symbol should only be used where the centre of gravity is not central. The meaning is unambiguous if the symbol is applied onto two upright surfaces at right angles to each other.

No hand truck here		The absence of this symbol on packages amounts to permission to use a hand truck on them.
Stacking limitation		The maximum stacking load must be stated as "... kg max.". Since such marking is sensible only on packages with little loading capacity, cargo bearing this symbol should be stowed in the uppermost layer.
Clamp here		Stating that the package may be clamped at the indicated point is logically equivalent to a prohibition of clamping anywhere else.
Temperature limitations		According to regulations, the symbol should either be provided with the suffix "...°C" for a specific temperature or, in the case of a temperature range, with an upper ("...°C max.") and lower ("...°C min.") temperature limit. The corresponding temperatures or temperature limits should also be noted on the consignment note.
Not stackable		The packages cannot be stacked or placed under any other types of goods.
Electrostatic Sensitive device		Contact with packages bearing this symbol should be avoided at low levels of relative humidity, especially if insulating footwear is being worn or the ground/floor is nonconductive. Low levels of relative humidity must in particular be expected on hot, dry summer days and very cold winter days.
Do not destroy barrier		A barrier layer which is (virtually) impermeable to water vapor and contains desiccants for corrosion protection is

		located beneath the outer packaging. This protection will be ineffective if the barrier layer is damaged. Since the symbol has not yet been approved by the ISO, puncturing of the outer shell must in particular be avoided for any packages bearing the words "Packed with desiccants".
Dangerous goods		The goods contain substances that when transported are a risk to health, safety, property or other goods.

1.2.3 Bar Code and Two-Dimensional Symbols (ISO 780:2015)

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) in transport requires clear and unique identifiers. Bar code-marked transport labels automate shipping and handling, aiding administrative operations. Two-dimensional symbols assist in moving large amounts of shipping label or EDI data, enhancing automated sortation and tracking systems.

Figure 9 and Figure 10 depict the connections and types of bar codes used.

Figure 9 BAR CODE connections

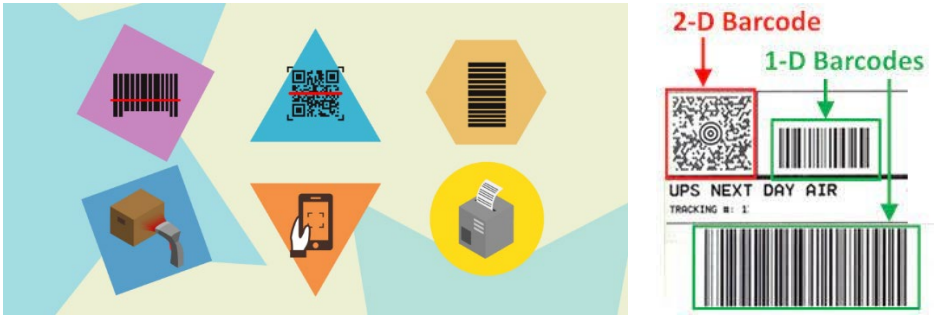


Figure 10 2-D BAR CODE and 1-D BAR CODE

This norm specifies minimum design requirements for labels with linear bar codes and two-dimensional symbols on transport units, ensuring traceability, providing guidance on formatting, recommending symbologies, specifying quality requirements, and offering guidance on label placement, size, inclusion of free text, and selection of label material.

Lesson 3 Safety Requirements

This section outlines safety requirements for different types of goods, including dangerous, hazardous, fragile, and perishable items.

The lesson aims to teach the application of safety requirements when handling fragile and hazardous items. Some parcels contain elements that are dangerous or fragile, making it crucial to understand the necessary safety measures during delivery. Adherence to relevant international standards is essential for ensuring the safe delivery of such items.

1.3.1 Dangerous Goods

Dangerous goods pose immediate physical or chemical risks, such as fire, explosion, corrosion, or poisoning. These substances are regulated by various national and international regimes, specifying how they should be handled, packaged, labeled, and transported.

Table 4 outlines the classes of dangerous goods, each with a specific symbol and explanation.

Designation	Symbol	Explanation
Class 1 - Explosives		Explosives are materials or items which have the ability to rapidly conflagrate or detonate as a consequence of chemical reaction. Explosives are capable by chemical reaction of producing gases at temperatures, pressures and speeds as to cause catastrophic damage through force and/or of producing otherwise hazardous amounts of heat, light, sound, gas or smoke.
Class 2 – Flammable Gases		Gases are defined by dangerous goods regulations as substances which have a vapour pressure of 300 kPa or greater at 50°c or which are completely gaseous at 20°c at standard atmospheric pressure, and items containing these substances. The class encompasses compressed gases, liquefied gases, dissolved gases, refrigerated liquefied gases, mixtures of one or more gases with one or more vapours of substances of other classes, articles charged with a gas and aerosols. Gases are capable of posing serious hazards due to their flammability, potential as asphyxiants, ability to oxidize and/or their toxicity or corrosiveness to humans.

Class 3 – Flammable Liquids		The Flammable liquids are defined by dangerous goods regulations as liquids, mixtures of liquids or liquids containing solids in solution or suspension which give off a flammable vapour (have a flash point) at temperatures of not more than 60-65°C, liquids offered for transport at temperatures at or above their flash point or substances transported at elevated temperatures in a liquid state and which give off a flammable vapour at a temperature at or below the maximum transport temperature. Flammable liquids are capable of posing serious hazards due to their volatility, combustibility and potential in causing or propagating severe conflagrations.
Class 4 – Flammable Solids		Flammable solids are materials which, under conditions encountered in transport, are readily combustible or may cause or contribute to fire through friction, self-reactive substances which are liable to undergo a strongly exothermic reaction or solid desensitized explosives. Also included are substances which are liable to spontaneous heating under normal transport conditions, or to heating up in contact with air, and are consequently liable to catch fire and substances which emit flammable gases or become spontaneously flammable when in contact with water. Flammable solids are capable of posing serious hazards due to their volatility, combustibility and potential in causing or propagating severe conflagrations.
Class 5 - Oxidizers; Organic Peroxides		Oxidizers are defined by dangerous goods regulations as substances which may cause or contribute to combustion, generally by yielding oxygen as a result of a redox chemical reaction. Organic peroxides are substances which may be considered derivatives of hydrogen peroxide where one or both hydrogen atoms of the chemical structure have been replaced by organic radicals. Oxidizers, although not necessarily combustible in themselves, can yield oxygen and in so doing cause or contribute to the combustion of other materials. Organic peroxides are thermally unstable and may exude heat whilst undergoing exothermic autocatalytic decomposition. Additionally, organic peroxides may be liable to explosive decomposition, burn rapidly, be sensitive to impact or friction, react dangerously with other substances or cause damage to eyes.

Class 6 - Toxic Substances; Infectious Substances		Toxic substances are those which are liable either to cause death or serious injury or to harm human health if swallowed, inhaled or by skin contact. Infectious substances are those which are known or can be reasonably expected to contain pathogens. Dangerous goods regulations define pathogens as microorganisms, such as bacteria, viruses, rickettsiae, parasites and fungi, or other agents which can cause disease in humans or animals. Toxic and infectious substances can pose significant risks to human and animal health upon contact.
Class 7 - Radioactive Material		Dangerous goods regulations define radioactive material as any material containing radionuclides where both the activity concentration and the total activity exceeds certain pre-defined values. A radionuclide is an atom with an unstable nucleus and which consequently is subject to radioactive decay. Whilst undergoing radioactive decay radionuclides emit ionizing radiation, which presents potentially severe risks to human health.
Class 8 - Corrosives		Corrosives are substances which by chemical action degrade or disintegrate other materials upon contact. Corrosives cause severe damage when in contact with living tissue or, in the case of leakage, damage or destroy surrounding materials.
Class 9 - Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods		Miscellaneous dangerous goods are substances and articles which during transport present a danger or hazard not covered by other classes. This class encompasses, but is not limited to, environmentally hazardous substances, substances that are transported at elevated temperatures, miscellaneous articles and substances, genetically modified organisms and micro-organisms and (depending on the method of transport) magnetized materials and aviation regulated substances. Miscellaneous dangerous goods present a wide array of potential hazards to human health and safety, infrastructure and/ or their means of transport.

1.3.2 Hazardous Goods

Hazardous substances, based on health effects, have the potential to harm human health. They may exist in various forms—solids, liquids, or gases—and may produce vapors, fumes, dust, or mists in the workplace. Exposure to hazardous substances can lead to various health issues, from poisoning to diseases of organs.

1.3.3 Fragile Goods

Fragile goods, including glass items, laboratory materials, and technological accessories, require special storage and robust packaging due to their delicate nature. Figure 11 illustrates the symbol indicating fragility, emphasizing careful handling.

Figure 11 Fragile goods

1.3.4 Perishable Goods

Perishable goods, likely to spoil, decay, or become unsafe to consume, require controlled storage conditions. Foods are classified into perishable, semi-perishable, and non-perishable categories. Proper storage practices, considering the nature of each item, are crucial to maintain their quality.

Figure 12 displays examples of perishable goods.

Figure 12 Perishable goods – examples

When transporting perishable goods, maintaining the right temperature is essential. Figure 13 illustrates conditions and equipment, such as isothermal containers and cooler bags, for bike delivery of perishable goods.

Figure 13 Bike delivery perishable goods

1.3.5 Quality of Packaging

Goods classified as dangerous and hazardous must be packed and marked according to regulations for the transport of dangerous goods. Figure 14 showcases packaging marking, emphasizing the importance of careful handling during the last mile of distribution.

Figure 14 Packaging marking

These recommendations align with international agreements, such as the European Agreement (ADR), International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions, International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, and Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID). Compliance with these standards and national regulations is crucial for the safe transport of dangerous goods.

Keywords

1.1 Basic Features of Packaging:	**1.2 Marking and Labeling:**	**1.3 Safety Requirements:**
Packaging Types Primary Packaging Secondary Packaging Tertiary Packaging Group Packaging Transport Packaging Display Packaging Retail Packaging Used Packaging Packaging Factors Protection Stability Interstackability Handling Efficiency Information Transport Unit Adaption Basic Principles of Packaging Assessment Suitable Packaging Secure and Protect Seal and Secure Handling Instructions Protection Materials Inside and Outside Protection	Identification Label Graphical Symbols Bar Code 2D Bar Code Dimensions and Weight Volumetric Weight Graphical Symbols for Handling ISO 780:2015 Linear Bar Code Two-Dimensional Symbols Unique Identifier Traceability Label Design Label Placement Label Material	Dangerous Goods Hazardous Goods Fragile Goods Perishable Goods Graphical Symbols for Dangerous Goods Dangerous Goods Classes Explosives Flammable Gases Flammable Liquids Flammable Solids Oxidizers Toxic Substances Radioactive Material Corrosives Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods Common Examples of Dangerous Goods Hazardous Substances Health Effects Fragile Goods Symbol Perishability Storage Tips Quality of Packaging Packaging Marking International Agreements ADR RID

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Learning Unit 2

Handling and administrative procedures

Lesson 1: Classifications and characteristics of goods and mail

Efficiency in the distribution process is significantly influenced by the characteristics of goods and shipments. Due to the varying nature of goods, individuals involved in delivery operations need to be familiar with the fundamental aspects of handling and transportation requirements to ensure safe and secure transportation. The objective of this lesson is to provide future operators with essential information on the characteristics of goods and parcels.

2.1.1 Basic Classification of Goods

Goods are categorized into Convenience, Pre-selection, and Specialty goods.

Convenience Goods:

- Frequently purchased with minimal comparison effort.
- Examples: Milk, bread, chocolate.
- Characteristics: Purchased frequently, no special skills required, lower unit value, multiple brands.

Figure 15 Convenience goods examples

Pre-selection Products:

- Careful comparison in choosing.
- Examples: Homogeneous (refrigerators), Heterogeneous (clothing).
- Characteristics: Not purchased frequently, semi-durable, buyer shops around.

Figure 16 Pre-selected goods examples

Special-choice Products:

- Unique characteristics or specific brand.
- Examples: Car brands, luxury items.
- Characteristics: Highly valuable, special buying efforts, long-lasting.

Figure 17 Specialty goods examples

Consumer Goods (Figure 18):

- Single-use goods (e.g., chocolate) and durable goods (e.g., TV).
- Bought for personal consumption.

Figure 18 Consumer goods examples

2.1.2 Basic Classification of Mail and Parcels

Parcels (Figure 19):

- Small Parcels (SP) up to 3 kg; Normal Parcels (NP) up to 31.5 kg.
- Size and weight specifications provided.

Figure 19 Parcels

Parcel Delivery (Figure 20):

- Transport service for quick sender-to-recipient delivery.
- Total weight under 3 tons, delivery time under 48 hours.

Figure 20 Parcel delivery

Types of Parcel Delivery:

1. **Conventional Parcel Delivery (Figure 21):**
    - For heavy, grouped, or standardized parcels.
    - Delivery times exceed 24 hours.
    - No restrictions on weight or size.

Figure 21 Conventional parcel delivery

2. **Single Parcel Delivery (Figure 22):**

- Handles one parcel per shipment.
- Delivery times 24 to 48 hours.
- Invoiced per parcel.

Figure 22 Single parcel delivery

3. **Fast and Express Parcel Delivery (Figure 23):**
    - Delivery within 24 hours (Fast) or less than 24 hours (Express).
    - Higher cost, live tracking.

Figure 23 Fast and express parcel delivery

Lesson 2: Risks and Handling Requirements

This lesson aims to achieve two primary objectives. The first goal is to equip delivery operators with a foundational comprehension of the risks associated with handling specific types of goods. The second goal is to train operators in selecting suitable handling procedures for various types of mail and parcels, ensuring their safe and effective performance in the delivery process.

2.2.1 Inherent Risks

Inherent risks arise from specific characteristics of goods, posing harm to operators, participants, and the environment. Operators must avoid shipments marked with GHS hazard pictograms:

GHS Hazard Pictograms:

GHS01: Explosive

GHS02: Flammable

GHS03: Oxidizing

GHS04: Compressed gas

GHS05: Corrosive

GHS06: Toxic

2.2.2 Non-inherent Risks

Non-inherent risks result from third-party actions or force majeure (theft, accidents, natural disasters). To mitigate, delivery personnel must vigilantly watch over consignments, vehicles, and adhere to traffic regulations.

2.2.3 Priority and Handling Requirements

Handling Requirements:

Fragile, keep dry, this side up, not stackable, etc.

Indicated by specific pictograms on packages.

Priority:

Linked to delivery time, crucial for perishables or service options.

Itinerary planning and parcel stacking consider both handling requirements and shipment priorities.

General Practices:

Itinerary aligns with shipment priorities and distances.

Parcel stacking follows the Last In, First Out (LIFO) method, respecting handling requirements.

Lesson 3: Administrative Procedures, Documents, and Liabilities

2.3.1 Parcel Distribution and LMD

LMD Process (Figure 24):

1. Order entry into a centralized system.
2. Goods arrive at the hub or warehouse.
3. Task assignments optimized for delivery personnel.
4. Items scanned before loading.
5. Proof of delivery obtained from end user.

Figure 24 Steps of the LMD process

LMD Operations (Figure 25):

- Order Placement, Order Fulfillment, Route Optimization, Last Mile Delivery, Delivery Confirmation.

Figure 25 LMD operations

2.3.2 LMD Priorities

Key Elements (Figure 26):

- Fast delivery.
- Precise order tracking.
- Security and insurance.

Figure 26 Important elements of LMD

2.3.3 Challenges in Organization of LMD

Challenges (Figure 27):

- Cost: Last mile delivery is often the most expensive due to operational challenges.

- Efficiency: Massive fleet and personnel needed, technology advances offer hope.

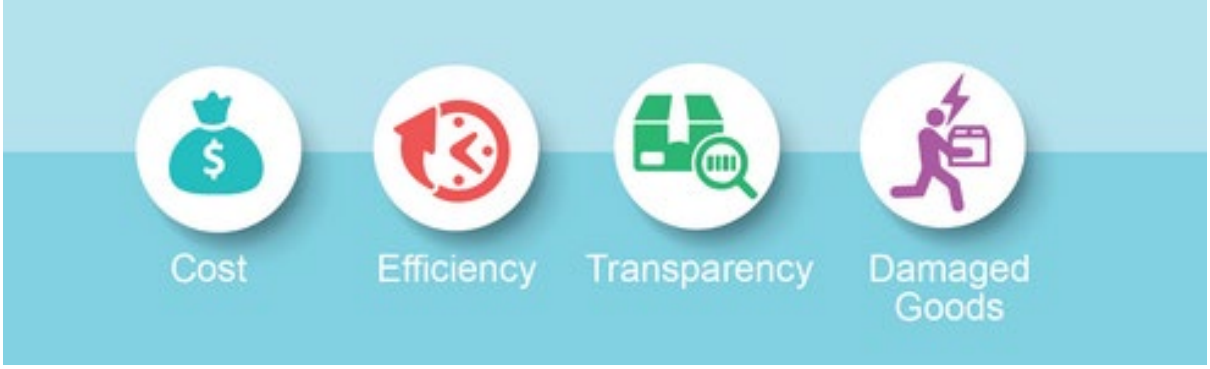

Figure 27 Challenges in organization of LMD

2.3.4 Administration in LMD Process

Delivery Process for the Operator:

- Taking Order, Scheduling Route, Announcement to Customer, Delivery, Confirmation, Invoicing.
- Three scenarios: Successful delivery, Recipient not found, Recipient refuses.

Proof of Delivery (POD):

- Paper POD, Electronic POD, Photo POD.
- Legally valid verification of delivery.

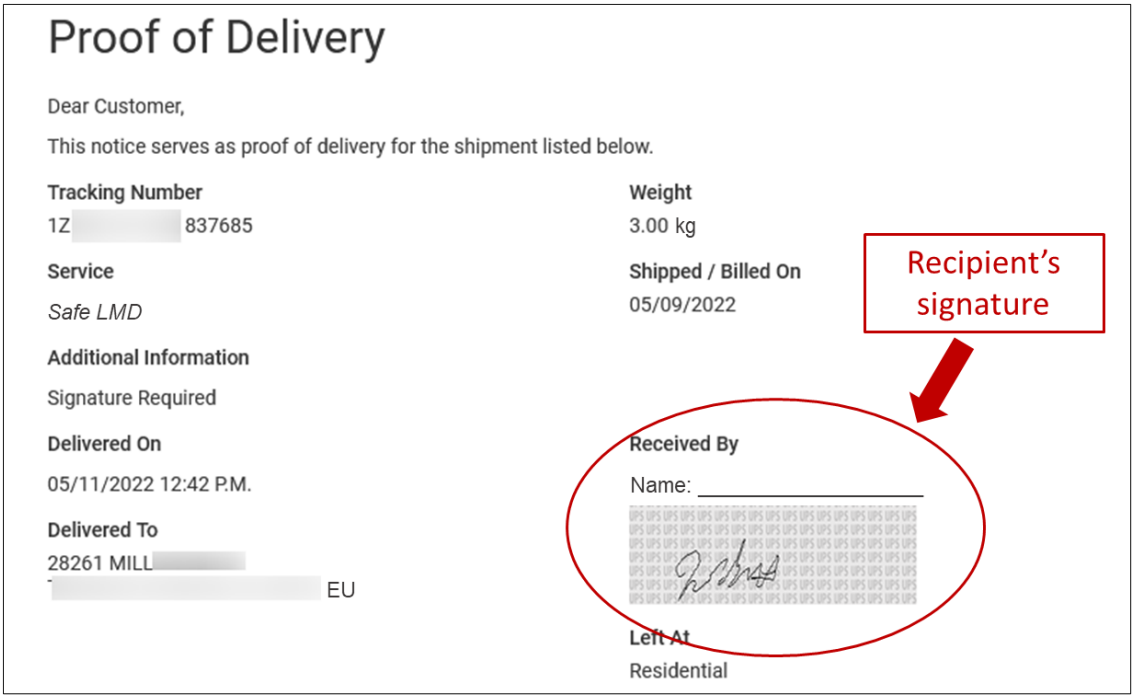

Figure 28 Proof of delivery

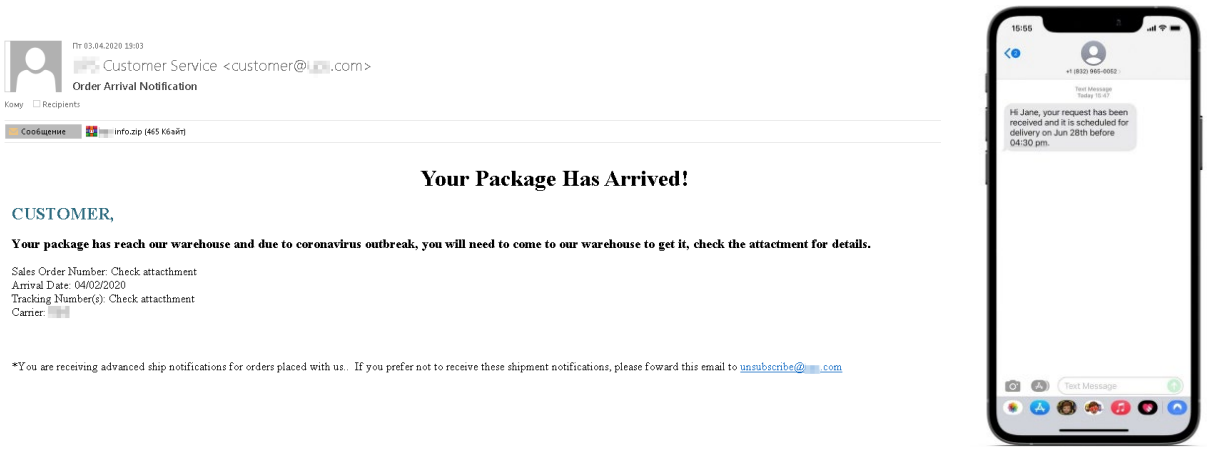

Figure 29 Delivery notification by e-mail and SMS

2.3.5 Liability of LMD Service Provider

Liability Determination:

- LMD provider acts as a carrier.
- Liability starts upon taking goods and ends with delivery and POD.
- Provider liable to the client, deliverymen liable to the company.

Keywords

2.1 Classifications and characteristics of goods and mail	**2.2 Risks and Handling Requirements**	**2.3 Administrative Procedures, Documents, and Liabilities**
Convenience goods	Inherent risks	Parcel Distribution
Pre-selection products	Non-inherent risks	Last Mile Delivery (LMD)
Specialty goods	GHS Hazard Pictograms	LMD Operations
Consumer goods	Handling Requirements	LMD Priorities
Small Parcels	Priority	Challenges in LMD Organization
Normal Parcels	Itinerary planning	Administration in LMD Process
Parcel Delivery	Last In First Out (LIFO)	Proof of Delivery (POD)
Conventional Parcel Delivery	Delivery Operator	Liability of LMD Service Provider
Single Parcel Delivery		
Fast and Express Parcel Delivery		

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Learning Unit 3

Road traffic regulations

Lesson 1: Classification and meaning of road traffic regulations

This lesson has the purpose to highlight pertinent traffic rules and regulations applicable to cyclists, it is imperative to reference international standards that ensure safe cycling and delivery operations.

Bicycle Lights

- Legal Requirement: Lighting on bicycles is mandatory in all European Union countries, following the Vienna Convention.
- Color and Placement: Front lamp must be white, and rear lamp must be red. Specific countries may have additional placement and type requirements.
- National Standards: Each country has its own laws on lighting, some requiring compliance with national standards, like ISO 6742, and displaying a CE marking in the European Union.

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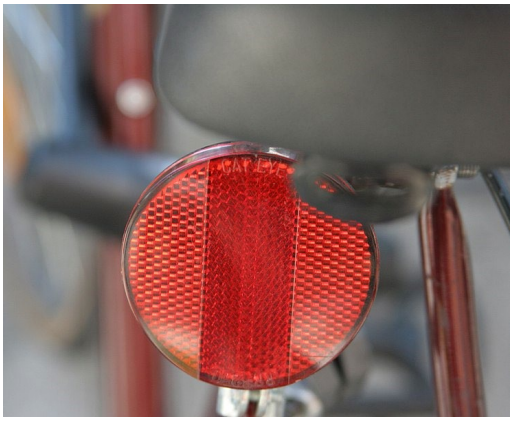
- Battery vs. Rechargeable: Battery lighting is short-lived, while rechargeable lights are better if regularly charged.
- Dynamo Hub: Offers continuous power without battery changes but has a slight wheel drag.



Bicycle Reflectors

- Vienna Convention Requirement: Rear reflector is mandatory, but EU countries differ on pedal and wheel reflectors.
- Requirements by SAFE-LMD Partners:
- Austria: White and red reflectors, yellow pedal reflectors.
- Belgium: Front and rear reflectors, pedal and wheel reflectors.

- Croatia: Red reflector on the back.
- Germany: Reflective strips on tires or yellow spoke reflectors, white front reflector, large red rear reflector.

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Bicycle Bell

- Mandatory Requirement: A working bell is mandatory in European countries.
- Purpose: Alerts others to your presence and signals maneuvers.

Bicycle Helmet

- Country-Specific Regulation: Some countries require helmets, but most EU countries, including SAFE-LMD partners (Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Germany, Greece), do not mandate helmets for adults.
- Compliance: Helmets sold in Europe must meet CEN EN-1078 standards and carry a CE mark indicating conformity.

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IyhyrITHDgw

European Bicycle and EPAC Standards

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- Compliance with Standards: Bicycles and components should conform to relevant harmonized standards, ensuring compliance with EU safe product requirements.
- Example Standard: EN ISO 4210 outlines safety requirements for most bicycles.
- CE Mark: Indicates conformity with European standards.

EPAC Regulations

- EU Regulations: Electric bikes have a maximum power output of 250 watts and a maximum speed of 25 km/h.
- Other Types: Different regulations apply to speed pedelecs, throttle-operated bikes, and cargo bikes with higher power outputs.
- Important: Check your bike's classification to understand applicable rules.

Traffic Light Signals

- Uniformity in Europe: Traffic light signals follow the Vienna Convention, with some variations.
- Exceptions: Some countries permit right turns at red lights for cyclists. Check country-specific rules.

Hand on the Handlebars

- Vienna Convention Rule: Cyclists must not ride without holding the handlebars. One-handed riding for signaling is allowed.
- Safety Note: Never hold onto passing traffic, as it is dangerous.

Riding One or Two Abreast

- Vienna Convention Rule: In principle, cyclists should not ride more than one abreast. Exceptions exist in some countries based on road width and traffic conditions.
- SAFE-LMD Member Countries Exceptions: Belgium allows two abreast with conditions, while Germany generally requires single-file riding.

Keeping to the Cycling Infrastructure

- Vienna Convention Rule: Cyclists are required to use cycle lanes and tracks and must avoid motorways.
- Exceptions: Some countries differentiate between compulsory and advisory cycle lanes. Always follow local signage.

Note: Check your country's road safety legislation for specific details. Link

Lesson 2: Classification and meaning of the road markings, traffic signs and signalization

Traffic signs serve as fundamental communication tools between the road and its users. International conventions advise that all countries adopt consistent road signs without written orders or notices, as these may be incomprehensible to foreigners and illiterate individuals.

Traffic Signs:

- Equilateral Triangle: Danger signs (mainly triangles with a red outline).
- Circle: Mandatory signs (prohibitions, restrictions, obligations, and notifications).
- Square or Rectangle: Information signs providing details about the road, places, and other relevant information.

Warning Signs:

- Red triangle outline, white or yellow infill.
- Warn of potentially dangerous traffic situations, may include priority signs.
- Note for Ireland: Yellow square on the edge for warning signs.

Warning signs from Greece – note the yellow infill

Prohibitory Signs:

- Red circle shape, clear or yellow infill.
- Forbid certain actions, indicating actions not allowed for road users.
- Exceptions for non-stopping and non-parking may have a blue infill.

An excellent resource can be found here https://traffic-rules.com/en/italy/traffic-signs/mandatory-signs showcasing the signs of the European countries

Mandatory Signs:

- Blue circles.
- Impose obligations/commands on road users, indicating the direction they must go with attention to lane changes.

Information Signs:

- Blue squares (except for the yellow square denoting the start and finish of a Priority road).

Priority Signs:

- Warning signs (triangle), mandatory signs (blue circle), and information signs (blue square).
- Influence priority rules, indicating who has priority and who should give priority.
- Note for Belgium: Mixed signs conveying two pieces of information together.

Priority at Junctions:

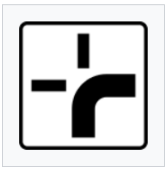
- Road markings and signs can vary; check specific rules.
- Difference between Stop and priority line markings.
- "Give way to the right" rule in the absence of signage or markings.
- Debate in some countries about priority rules, be cautious in using the "give way to the right" rule.

Intersection ahead in which priority must be given to vehicles on the right.

Intersection ahead where vehicles on your right must give way.

Priority road (priority at all following intersections up to an end-of-priority-road, yield or stop sign). In some countries, the meaning was changed to the next intersection only.

End of priority road (henceforth priority to the right applies at uncontrolled intersections)



Additional sign of a shape of the intersection and a definition of the priority.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Priority_to_the_right

Priority Signs (International):

- Derived from the Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals.
- Used in conjunction with road markings.
- Example from Belgium: "Rue Cyclable" sign indicating a Bicycle Street with priority for bicycles.

Give Way	None	
Stop	"STOP" written in white	
	"STOP" written in black or dark blue inside red inverted triangle	
Priority road	Yellow or orange square	
End of priority road	Yellow or orange square with black or grey diagonal lines crossing the sign	
Priority for oncoming traffic	Black arrow indicating direction with priority, red arrow indicating direction without	
Priority over oncoming traffic	White arrow indicating direction with priority, red arrow indicating direction without	

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vienna_Convention_on_Road_Signs_and_Signal

Priority Warning:

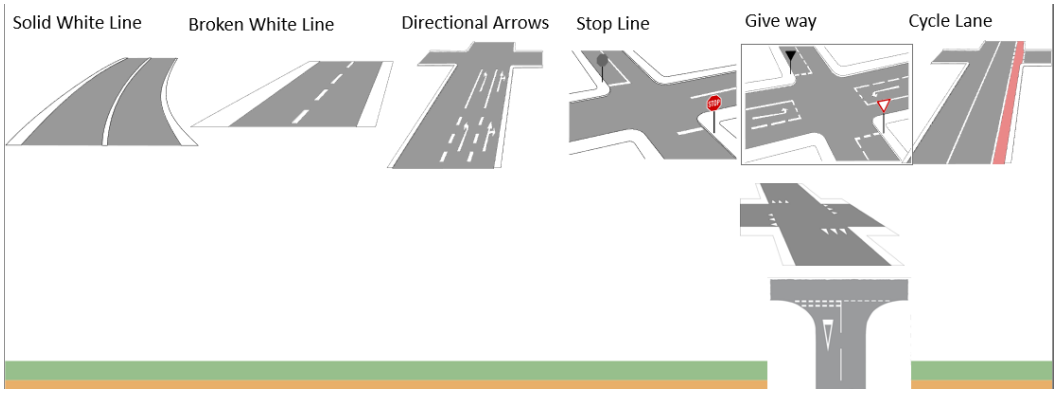
- Sign warning of the "priority to the right" rule at a junction.

Road Markings:

- Road markings can warn, prohibit, inform, and advise.

Common Road Markings:

- Solid White Line: Prohibits overtaking.
- Broken White Line: Permits overtaking and turning left.
- Directional Arrows: Warns about correct lanes.
- Stop Line: Requires a complete stop before proceeding.
- Give-way Line: Indicates giving way to upcoming priority road/lane.
- Cycle Lane: Painted but not physically separated lane (compulsory according to Vienna Convention, but countries may distinguish between compulsory and advisory lanes).



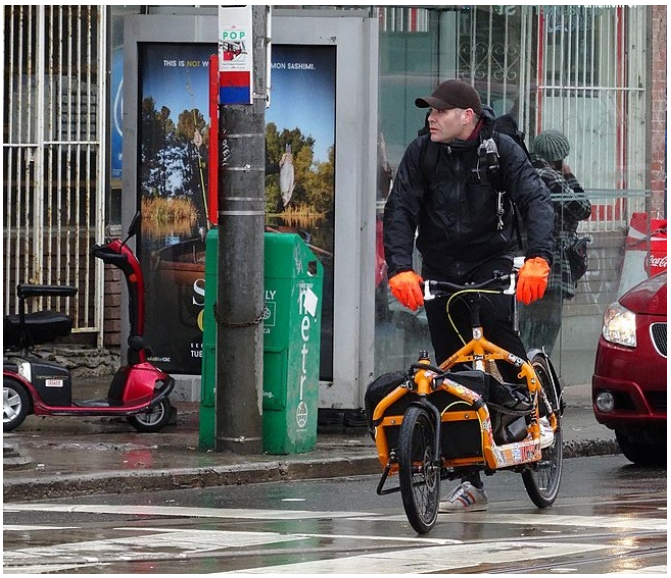
https://routetogermany.com/drivingingermany/road-markings

Lesson 3: Safety Requirements and Communication to Other Road Users

Signalling to fellow road users is crucial for communicating your movements and manoeuvres. It is essential to appropriately respond to signals provided by authorized individuals such as police officers, school crossing wardens, and others responsible for controlling traffic and ensuring safety. In cycling traffic, communicating intentions to fellow road users is crucial for safety. Here are key signals:

1. **Change of Riding Direction:**
    - Hand signal (left or right) is essential.
    - Check traffic, signal, and stop signaling after action.

2. **Traffic Controlled by a Police Officer:**
    - Follow instructions based on the officer's position.
    - Stop when directed, proceed when allowed.



3. **Traffic Lights for Cyclists and Pedestrians:**
    - Observe special traffic lights at intersections.
    - Be aware of marked bicycle paths and lanes.

4. **Make Eye Contact:**
    - Assess awareness by making eye contact.
    - Do not assume others have seen you.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Cargo_bike_at_Parliament_and_Queen,_2014_12_17_(3).JPG_-_panoramio.jpg

5. **Use the Bell:**
    - Politely use the bell to signal presence.
    - Be considerate around pedestrians.

Additional information

- DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION, University of Zagreb Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences: Learning materials – Traffic signalization, Zagreb 2022.

- https://road-safety.transport.ec.europa.eu/eu-road-safety-policy/what-we-do/eu-road-safety-legislation_en (May, 2023)
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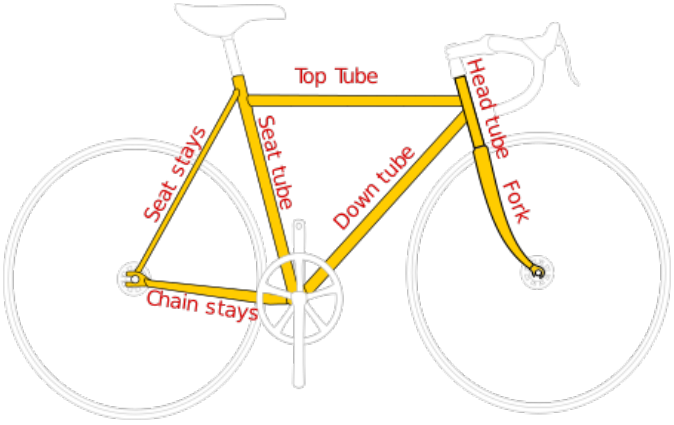
Learning Unit 4

Bicycle Characteristics

Lesson 1: Understanding Bicycle Components

In Lesson 1, we explore the basic elements of a bicycle, power-assisted bicycles, and carrier cycles. Bicycles exhibit diverse types and setups, each designed for specific functions and purposes. This lesson delves into the fundamental components of a conventional bicycle, a power-assisted bicycle (commonly known as an eBike or Pedelec), and a carrier cycle (also referred to as a cargo bike).

1. **Bicycle Frame:**
    - Backbone of the bicycle.
    - Components include top and down tubes, seat and chain stays, and front fork.
    - Commonly made of aluminum, steel, or carbon fiber.



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2. **Bicycle Wheels:**
    - Consist of rims, spokes, and hubs.
    - Various sizes and diameters.
    - Tire size and pressure information found on the side of the tire.
    - International Standard (ISO) and ERTO system for tire sizes.

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Bicycle size conversion table https://www.cyclinguk.org/cyclists-library/components/wheels-tyres/tyre-sizes

3. **Bicycle Handlebars:**
    - Used for steering.
    - Different styles, with flat handlebars preferred for Last Mile delivery.
    - Brakes, gears, bell, and devices may be attached.

4. **Bicycle Brakes:**
    - Used for slowing/stopping.
    - Position of brakes on handlebars varies based on driving side.
    - Types include rim brakes, disk brakes, and drum/roller brakes.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Shimano_brake_lever.jpg

5. **Bicycle Gears:**

- Convert pedal effort to wheel output.
- Lower gears for hills, higher gears for speed.
- Derailleur gears and hub gearing systems are common.

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6. **Power Assisted Bicycles (eBikes):**

- Similar components to traditional bicycles.
- Includes an additional motor and battery for assistance.
- Pedal-assisted with the option to ride without the motor.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Bullitt_freight_bicycle.jpg

7. **eBike Battery:**

- Lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries are common.
- Placed on the panier rack, frame, or integrated into the frame.
- Charged with the manufacturer-supplied adaptor.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Black_Bosch_Performance_Line_eBike_downtown_Montpelier_VT_August_2018.jpg

ECF https://ecf.com/news-and-events/news/new-eu-weee-directive-and-pedelec-users

8. **eBike Motor:**

- Mid-drive motors assist pedaling.
- Front and rear motor drives directly power the wheel.
- Considered in tandem with the mechanical gears.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:00_0970_Freight_bicycle.jpg

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Black_Bosch_Performance_Line_eBike_downtown_Montpelier_VT_August_2018.jpg

9. **Carrier/Cargo Bicycles:**

- Designed for heavy loads and cargo.
- Two-wheel, three-wheel, or four-wheel variations.
- Sturdy frame with a longer wheelbase.
- Often electrically power-assisted.
- Special cargo-carrying features like baskets, racks, or platforms.

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Lesson 2: Operating Different Bicycles

In this lesson, we'll explore fundamental techniques for utilizing different bicycle types in courier and last mile delivery services. It's crucial to practice these skills with an actual bicycle, as the PowerPoint slides are designed to complement hands-on experience. We assume learners have basic bicycling skills. The practical session will focus on riding a cargo/carrier cycle and a power-assisted bicycle, with the option to begin with a classic bicycle for confidence-building before transitioning to larger cargo bikes.

1. **Appropriate Bicycle Use:**

- *Traditional Bicycle:* Suitable for smaller deliveries like letters and small packages. Cargo may be carried in paniers or luggage racks.
- *Power Assisted Bicycles:* Increasingly

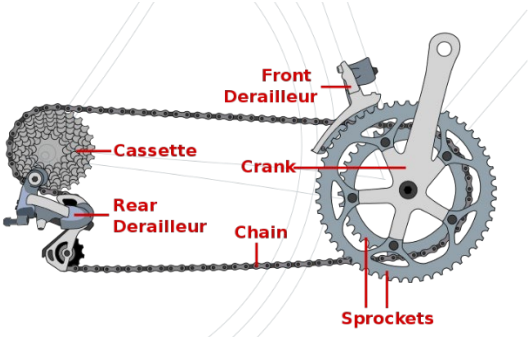
used in courier and last-mile delivery services. Electric assistance helps with heavier loads and allows longer riding hours.

- *Cargo/Carrier Cycle:* Designed to carry substantially heavier and larger freight. Usually power-assisted, requiring more skill and caution due to size and weight.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Coolblue_delivery_bicycle,_Groningen_(2019).jpg

2. **Bicycle Derailleur Gears:**

- Different gears for different terrains.
- Lower gear for easier riding uphill, higher gear for speed on flat or downhill.
- Change down gears when slowing down or stopping.
- Front gears for significant changes, rear gears for finer adjustments.



- Gear shifters/levers activate derailleurs, moving the chain to selected gears.

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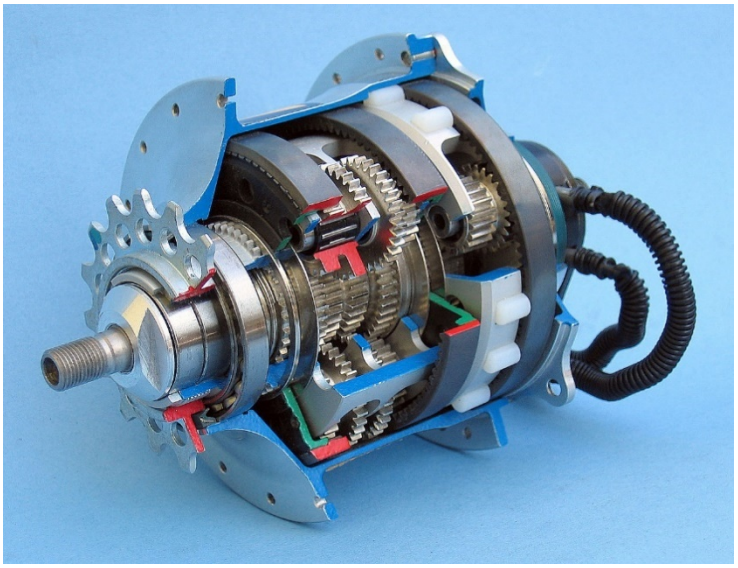
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lSmN6yyLj9s&ab_channel=CycleMaintenanceAcademy

3. **Bicycle Internal Hub Gears:**



- Fewer gears than external gearing.
- Direct shifting between gears without step-by-step changes.
- Some delay in shifting hub gears.
- Shifting direction (clockwise or anti-clockwise) may vary.

https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Speedhub_500/14

Rohloff Speedhub (14 speed)

4. **Electric Power Assisted Bicycles:**

- Various levels of assistance from the electric motor.
- Maximum continuous rating power output of 250 watts and a speed limit of 25 km/h (EU regulations).
- Different types like 'Speed Pedelec' with higher power and speed limits.
- Important to understand the classification of the bike based on power and speed.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:TIER_mobility_ONO_electric_cargo_bike_Berlin_2021.jpg

5. **Motors – Cadence/Motion Sensor:**

- Measures pedal motion.
- Activation of assistance when pedals turn.
- Different levels of assistance.
- Beware of sudden jerks and uneven power inputs.

6. **Torque Sensor Motor:**

- Measures pedal force.
- Provides a more intuitive and smoother power delivery.
- Power amplifies with increased muscle input.

7. **Choosing the Right Bike for the Job:**
    - Conventional bicycle for lighter jobs, considering fitness and challenging conditions.
    - Power-assisted bicycles for overcoming hills and wind, allowing longer working hours.
    - Cargo bikes for larger loads, often used in delivery rounds with varying load capacities.
8. **Setting Up a Bicycle:**
    - Use the heel-to-pedal method to determine saddle height.
    - Check and adjust brakes for sufficient stopping power.
    - Ensure gears are properly adjusted and familiarize yourself with shifting.
    - Inspect and maintain properly inflated tires with sufficient tread.

    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3aYhoQworY&embeds_referring_euri=https%3A%2F%2Fhubblecontent.osi.office.net%2F&source_ve_path=Mjg2NjY&feature=emb_logo
9. **Electric Power Assisted Bicycles Maintenance:**
    - Charge the battery before each use.
    - Understand different motor settings and their impact on speed.
    - Monitor battery level to avoid running out of power during rides.
10. **Setting Up a Cargo Bicycle:**
    - Consider cargo securing practices from the Learning Unit on Knowing Goods and Packaging.

Practical video, adapt also for use with a cargo bike: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x630Sk-v0KE

- ✓ The lesson also presents a list with "Things to look out for on a multi-track cargo bike" and a list with "Things to look out for on a multi-track cargo bike"

Lesson 3: Malfunctions and Maintenance/Repair of Bicycles

In Lesson 3, we delve into the common malfunctions of bicycles and the essential tools and procedures for maintenance and repair. Courier and last mile delivery services demand bicycles that are reliable and well-maintained. Breakdowns can occur while on the go, necessitating basic repairs or more intricate fixes for serious malfunctions. This course addresses common malfunctions and imparts essential maintenance and repair skills for bicycles used in these services. Emphasizing practical application, learners should have access to bicycles for hands-on exercises. While videos are provided for remote learning, face-to-face interaction with the tutor is recommended for optimal understanding.

1. **Common Malfunctions:**
    - *Flat Tyre:* Most common issue caused by punctures or worn tires.

- *Chain Issues:* Chain may become loose, stuck, or fall off, requiring regular cleaning and lubrication.
- *Brake Problems:* Worn or misaligned brakes, less tensile cables, squeaks, or misalignment causing rubbing.
- *Gear Shifting Issues:* Misaligned gears leading to difficulty in shifting, chain slipping, or improper engagement.
- *Wheel Misalignment:* Due to improper installation, rough riding, or collisions, causing wobbling or imbalance.
- *Electric Bicycles (e-bikes):* Electrical issues like dead battery, faulty motor, or malfunctioning display/controls.
- *eBike Battery Safety:* Emphasize the importance of handling eBike batteries with care due to their high energy density.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Bicycle_chain_broken_by_shearing_the_flange_off_a_pin.jpg

2. **Common Tools:**
   - *Bike Repair Stand:* Recommended for repairs; turning the bike upside down in emergencies on the road is discouraged.
   - *Spoke Wrench Key:* Used to adjust wheel spokes for straightening and alignment.
   - *Chain Breaking Device:* Essential for chain-related repairs.
   - *Allen Keys:* Crucial for hexagonal screws on the bike.

- *Spanners:* Set ranging from 6-17 mm for various jobs.
- *Tyre Levers:* Necessary for safe removal of tyres without causing injury.
- *Chain Cleaner and Lube:* Essential for chain maintenance and smooth operation.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Montagestaender_(fcm).jpg
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Hex_keys_-_1.jpg

3. **Preventive Measures:**
    - *Regular Cleaning and Lubrication:* Prevents rust and wear.
    - *Tire Pressure, Brakes, Gears Check:* Before each ride.
    - *Regular Inspection:* Address signs of wear or damage promptly; tighten loose bolts and screws.
4. **Maintenance Procedures:**
    - *Replacing Tyre:* Patching punctures, checking for foreign objects, and inflating to correct PSI.
    - *Wheel Maintenance:* Adjusting wheel spokes to address misalignment.
    - *Chain Issues:* Placing the chain back on, adjusting derailleur or chain length, cleaning, and lubricating.
    - *Brake Adjustments:* Demonstrating the interaction of brake pads with rims, adjusting for proper friction.
    - *Disk Brake Maintenance:* Basic adjustments and cleaning.
    - *Gear/Shifter Maintenance:* Adjusting and replacing cables; highlighting hub gears' low maintenance nature.
    - *Battery Use and Safety:* Emphasizing battery life, charging cycles, do's and don'ts, and manufacturer's guidelines.

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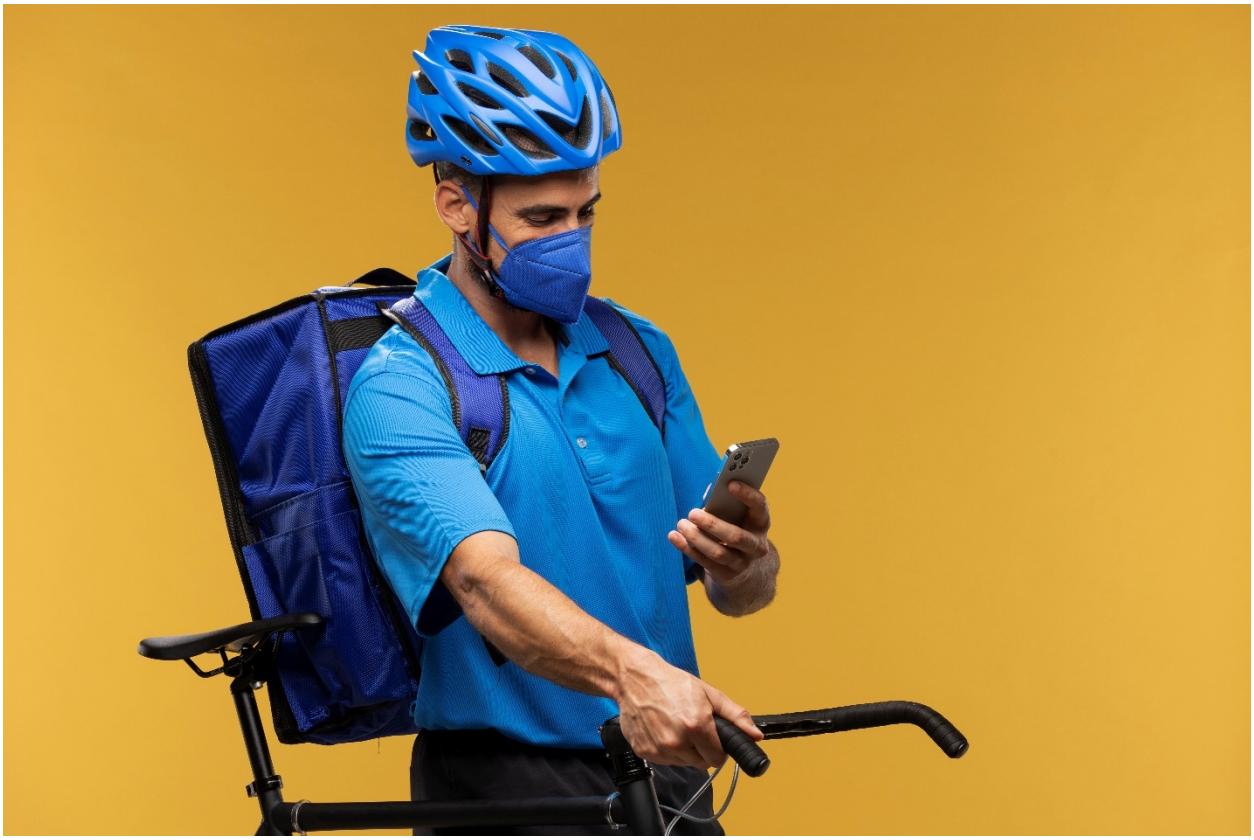

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Learning Unit 5

Basics of safe riding

Lesson 1: Bicycle Safety Gear

Ensuring safety and appropriate configuration are essential when using bicycles, electric power-assisted bicycles, and cargo bicycles for courier and last-mile delivery services. Throughout this course, we'll address the required safety gear and guide you on optimizing bike setup for maximum safety and efficiency.

Key Points:

1. **Bicycle Helmet:**
    - Useful for safety for frequent riders.
    - Check your country's legislation on helmet requirements.
    - Helmets should meet the CEN EN-1078 standard with a CE mark.
    - Replace helmets if impacted; wear it correctly for effectiveness.

      CEN EN-1078 bicycle helmet standard

      https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IyhyrITHDgw

2. **Reflective Clothing:**
    - Fluorescent for daytime visibility, retro-reflective for night.
    - Not a guarantee against 'not being seen'; but useful wear for increased visibility.
    - Check national laws; Croatia mandates reflective vests in certain conditions.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Warnweste_gelb.jpg

3. **Gloves, Sunglasses, Sunscreen:**
    - Necessary for outdoor exposure; consider extreme weather.
    - Gloves essential in cold weather, sunglasses protect from UV light.
    - Ensure proper fit of sunglasses; avoid distractions while riding.
4. **Bicycle Lights:**
    - Follow local regulations for proper lighting placement.

- Battery lights may need frequent replacement; consider rechargeable options.
- Dynamo hubs provide consistent power; common in power-assisted bicycles.
- Check LU3 Lesson 1 for specific lighting requirements in SAFE-LMD EU countries.

5. **Bicycle Lighting Intensity (Lumens):**
    - 100-300 lumens for urban areas; 300-500 lumens for darker or rural areas.
    - Have backup lights; ensure compliance with regulations.

Rechargeable lighting, Photo by ECF

6. **Flashing Lights:**
    - Pros: Better visibility, especially in urban areas.
    - Cons: May affect depth perception; check local regulations.
7. **Reflectors:**
    - Rear reflector required; check regulations for pedal and wheel reflectors.
    - New bicycles often come with built-in reflectors; utilize them for side visibility.
8. **Bicycle Bells:**
    - Use judiciously; consider saying "excuse me" for pedestrians.
    - Use bells around larger vehicles; modern cars may not easily hear approaching cyclists.

Lesson 2: Riding Safely in Mixed Traffic

Ensuring safe operation in mixed traffic is crucial for courier and last-mile delivery services, whether using a bicycle, electric power-assisted bicycle, or cargo bicycle. Throughout this course, we will delve into the fundamentals of safe riding, covering traffic laws, road positioning, and effective communication with fellow road users.

The lesson structure involves an initial theoretical segment, focusing on the principles outlined in the slides. The latter part of the session will be dedicated to practical exercises, emphasizing on-road experiences with mixed traffic. For riders still building confidence, complex junctions will be avoided during these exercises.

Road Positioning:

- Primary Position: Center of the lane for safety; use when merging or if not enough space to pass.
- Secondary Position: To the side of the road, use when there is enough space to pass; but avoid hugging the curb tightly; beware of "dooring" incidents, stay 1.5m away from parked cars.

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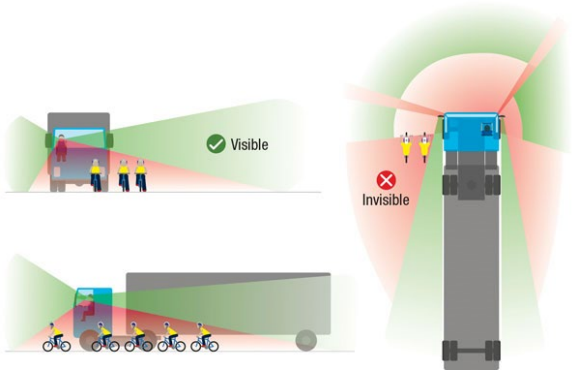
Blind Spots:



- All vehicles have blind spots; be cautious when passing.
- Trucks have larger blind spots, especially on the passenger side.
- Be very wary of passing a truck on the passenger side at junctions.
- Communicate with drivers to make your presence known; be vigilant at traffic lights.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/10iWb4SJPVt6irFsb-LcX1VocRBNnNRhI/view

Communication:

- Practice one-handed riding and signaling for turns.
- Look into drivers' eyes for clues on their intentions.
- Use bells or shouts in threatening situations; communicate with pedestrians responsibly.

Defensive Riding:

- Maintain a safe following distance; anticipate braking distances for different speeds.
- Continuously scan for hazards; be cautious of passengers exiting parked cars.
- Anticipate conflicts and be prepared for potential hazards like poor road surfaces.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kX_5yLlX3s8&t=2s

Larger Bicycles Considerations:

- Electric power-assisted bikes may have higher speeds and weights.
- Cargo bikes may have larger dimensions, requiring wider turns and longer stopping distances https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKyhmKZR9wc&t=3s
- Consider bike path suitability for cargo bikes; some paths may be too narrow or obstructed.

Lesson 3: Hazards at Road Junctions and Pedestrian Zones

Navigating road junctions and pedestrian zones poses potential hazards for bicycle couriers and last-mile delivery riders. This lesson will explore these challenges and provide guidance on safely navigating these areas. The slides will be presented prior to practical exercises on the road, allowing learners to apply the knowledge in real-world junction navigation scenarios.

Complex Junctions:

- T-junctions, small roundabouts, and crossroads require extra attention and reduced speed.
- Confident decisions and clear communication with others are essential for safe navigation.

Priority Signs:

- Priority signs (warning, mandatory, information) influence right-of-way rules.
- Priority signs should be consistent across European countries, derived from the Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals.
- "Give way to the right" is a common rule, but variations exist; be cautious and aware of local interpretations.

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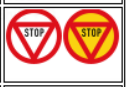
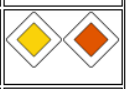
	"STOP" written in black or dark blue inside red inverted triangle	
Priority road	Yellow or orange square	
End of priority road	Yellow or orange square with black or grey diagonal lines crossing the sign	
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Priority over oncoming traffic	White arrow indicating direction with priority, red arrow indicating direction without	

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Road Markings:

- Road markings for stopping and giving way may vary between countries.
- Differentiate between stop lines and give way lines; recognize their significance.

Common Signs:

- Understand the meanings of common road signs; note variations in different countries.
- Additional signs, like Belgium's "Rue Cyclable," may indicate specific road rules for cyclists.

Roundabouts:

- Approach roundabouts cautiously, merging with traffic and taking the center of the lane.
- Understand the priority and direction of traffic; signal intentions clearly.
- Be aware of country-specific roundabout rules; in Greece, entering traffic may have priority.

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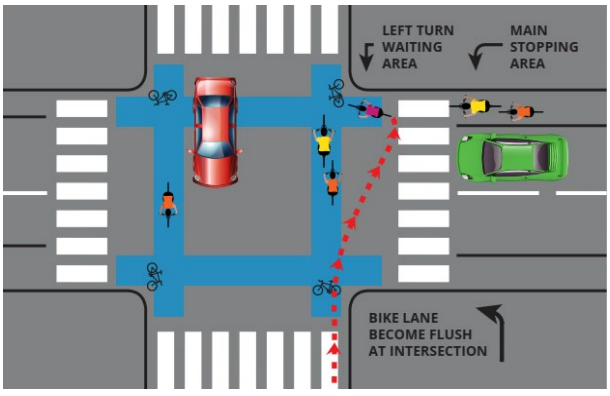
Roundabouts with Cycling Infrastructure:

- Roundabouts with cycling lanes are generally safer but be prepared for potential conflicts.
- Recognize priority markings for turning or crossing traffic.



Turning Left (right in UK, Ireland, Malta, and Cyprus) in Mixed Traffic:

- Turning left can be challenging; clear signaling and awareness are crucial.
- Navigate turns carefully, especially in busy areas and at intersections.

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Other Infrastructure:

- Be cautious around advanced stop lines; beware of blind spots near lorries/trucks.
- Shared spaces require cyclists to watch for pedestrians; exercise caution in these areas.

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Pedestrian Zones:

- Exercise caution when entering pedestrian zones; be aware of pedestrians.
- Check local regulations for bicycle access; dismount or slow down in crowded zones.
- Prioritize the safety of pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.

Lesson 4: Planning a Safe Route

Creating a secure route holds significant importance for bicycle couriers and last-mile delivery riders. In this lesson, we will explore crucial elements to contemplate during route planning and delve into the utilization of mapping tools and resources for effective navigation. Additionally, the lesson will address considerations related to parking and various options for securing bikes.

Weather Impact: Consider weather conditions for road safety. In cold winters, road conditions depend on snow and ice clearance. Be cautious in heavy snow, prioritize well-lit main roads, and dress appropriately.

Hazards in Poor Weather:

- Reduced visibility due to precipitation.
- Use correct equipment for safety.
- Acknowledge your comfort level in poor weather; safety first.
- Be cautious of side winds, especially with a packed cargo bike.
- Stay low in headwinds to reduce drag.

- In hot weather, take breaks, find shade, and use sun lotion.

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Poor Surfaces:

- Avoid slippery surfaces like wet pavement, cobblestones, and gravel.
- Be mindful of oil spills, icy roads, wet leaves, and metal surfaces.
- Plan routes considering surface conditions, using common sense.

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Filtering:

- Consider goods weight and size for route planning.
- Navigate through pedestrian zones and cycling infrastructure for advantages.

Navigation Apps:

- Use apps like Google Maps, Waze, or company-specific apps for route guidance.
- Ensure secure device attachment and minimal interaction while cycling.

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Parking Considerations:

- Plan bicycle parking strategically to avoid blocking or long walks.

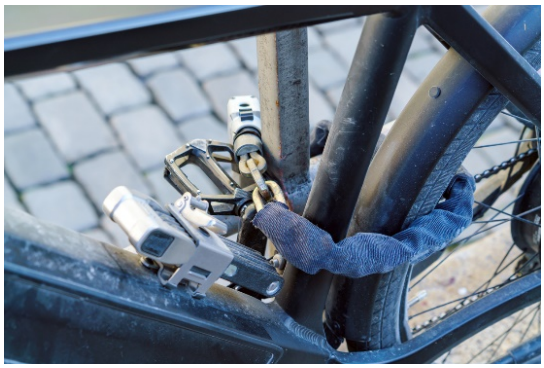
- Adhere to parking regulations, especially for larger bicycles.

Parking Infrastructure:

- Check for adequate parking infrastructure along the route.
- Be cautious of potential damage to wheels in certain bicycle parking.

Locking the Bike:

- Choose well-lit areas for longer parking periods.
- Lock through the frame, back wheel, and secure structures.
- Secure quick-release levers to prevent theft.
- Consider bicycle registration schemes for added security.



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Lock Types:

- Understand pros and cons of each lock type.
- Adjust lock size based on bike dimensions and value.
- Consider lock cost as a percentage of the bike's value.

Keywords

6.1 Bicycle Safety Gear:	6.2 Riding safely in Mixed Taffic:	6.3 Hazards at Road Junctions and Pedestrian Zones:	6.4 Planning a Safe Route:
Bicycle Helmet Legislation CEN EN-1078 Standard Reflective Clothing Visibility Gloves Sunglasses Sunscreen Bicycle Lights Dynamo Hub Lumens Flashing Lights Reflectors Bicycle Bells Safety Gear Regulations Compliance Risk Distractions Cautious Riding	Road Positioning Blind Spots Communication Defensive Riding Larger Bicycles Considerations Practical Exercise	Road junctions Pedestrian zones Hazards Bicycle couriers Last mile delivery riders Potential hazards Navigate Real life Safety	Safe route Weather impact Hazards Poor surfaces Filtering Navigation apps Parking considerations Parking infrastructure Bike locking Lock types

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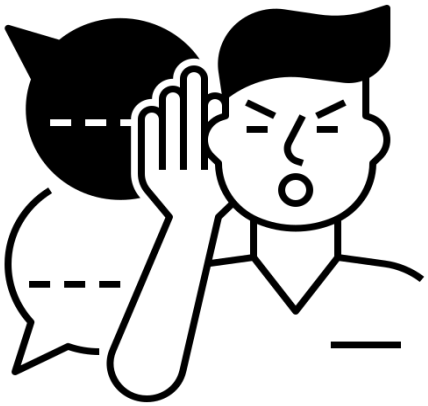
Learning Unit 6

Communication Skills, Customer service

Welcome to the "Communication Skills and Customer Service" course, where you will delve into the essential aspects of effective communication and the development of customer-centric strategies. In this course, we will explore the foundational elements of communication, including its key components—sender, message, channel, receiver, feedback, environment, context, and interference. Emphasis will be placed on communication skills such as active listening, assertiveness, conflict resolution, and negotiation, vital for both personal and professional success. Furthermore, we will navigate through the intricacies of intercultural competence, fostering meaningful interactions across diverse barriers. Understanding communication styles—assertive, passive, and aggressive—will be explored, alongside conflict-management best practices, with a focus on collaborative negotiation styles. Lastly, we'll delve into the creation of a customer-centric culture, operationalizing customer empathy and linking employee culture to customer outcomes.

Lesson 1: Build positive contact with others (through communication and effective listening)

Effective Listening



Improving listening skills is challenging due to real-time processing, varied accents, and external noise. Active listening involves focusing on verbal and non-verbal cues. Three components include listening for total meaning, responding to feelings, and noting all cues. Benefits include creating a safe space and fostering trust.

Empathy

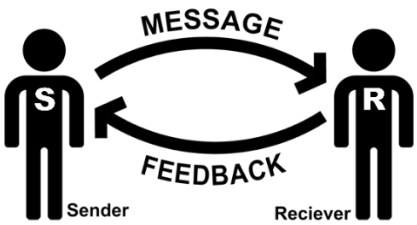
Empathy is the ability to understand others' emotions. It combines feeling, thinking, and acting. It's crucial in various life aspects, including work and care for others. Developing empathy involves active listening, success stories of the company, its goals and mission, and being curious. Dos for elevating empathy include acknowledging feelings and using simple language. Don'ts involve focusing on company impact and presuming reactions.

Cultural Competences

Cultural competency involves knowledge, awareness, and skills for working with diverse cultures. Topics include self-awareness, bias, and communication styles. It's crucial for fair treatment and is vital in education and business settings. In the globalized business landscape, cultural competency ensures effective communication and collaboration.

Expressing Ideas Effectively

Presenting ideas clearly involves getting content right and using effective communication. Body language, enthusiasm, and tone play significant roles. Avoid unnecessary technical language, use simple words, and provide real-life examples. Good body language includes standing straight, making purposeful gestures, and maintaining eye contact. Distracting movements should be avoided for effective communication.



These skills are essential in various aspects of life, from personal relationships to professional success. They contribute to effective communication, understanding, and collaboration in diverse settings.

Basic Elements in Interpersonal Communications, reworked graphic, Robert M. Thomas 2007

Lesson 2: Non-violent communication: effective listening, effective expressing ideas, avoid conflicts.

Non-violent Communication: Active Listening Skills

Active listening in non-violent communication involves empathetic principles and specific interaction skills. Body language, maintaining eye contact, and creating a focused environment contribute to genuine attentiveness. Following the speaker and allowing for silence are essential skills. Reflecting involves paraphrasing the speaker's message, capturing its essence, and understanding emotions. These skills, practiced genuinely, enhance communication.

Managing Conflicts: Navigating Conflict

Interpersonal conflicts in the workplace can harm productivity and decision-making. Seven principles for effective conflict resolution include understanding different perspectives, questioning biases, viewing conflicts as joint problem-solving, clarifying desired outcomes, judiciously discussing issues, experimenting with behavior changes, and maintaining curiosity. Shifting from a "me against them" mentality to a

collaborative problem-solving approach is crucial. Clearly defining goals, avoiding workplace venting, and experimenting with different strategies contribute to positive conflict resolution.

1. **Your Perspective Is Just One Among Many:** Acknowledge diverse viewpoints, challenging naive realism. Focus on future actions rather than blaming.

2. **Be Aware of Your Biases):** Recognize biases like fundamental attribution error and confirmation bias. Apply the "flip it to test it" approach to question assumptions.

3. **Don't Make It "Me Against Them":** Shift from polarizing thoughts to viewing conflicts as shared problems. Collaborate on finding solutions rather than changing the person.

4. **Know Your Goal:** Clearly define goals to guide interactions. Writing down goals increases the likelihood of achieving them.

5. **Avoid Workplace Venting and Gossip:** Be cautious about venting, as it can reinforce biases. Choose constructive, trusted individuals for discussions.

6. **Experiment to Find What Works:** Test different strategies to address conflicts. Small actions can have a significant impact.

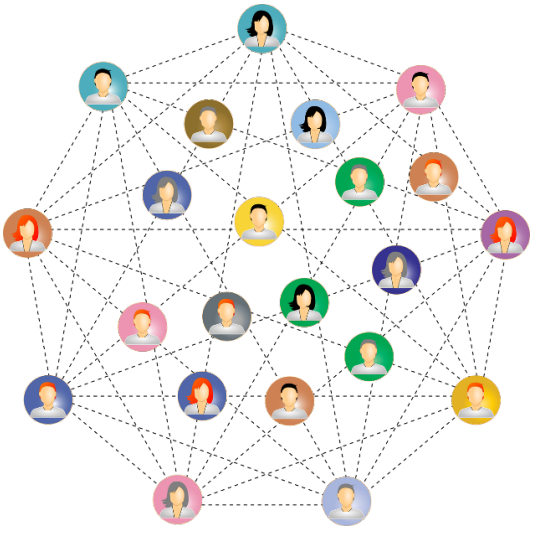
7. **Be—and Stay—Curious:** Approach conflicts with a curious mindset, focusing on positive outcomes. Curiosity prevents stereotyping and promotes creative problem-solving.

How to Avoid Conflict Situations

Understanding and managing conflict is crucial for interpersonal communication competence. Identifying conflict triggers, such as criticism, demands, cumulative annoyance, and rejection, is essential. Responding mindfully and validating the other person can deescalate conflicts. Recognizing patterns and triggers, along with effective communication, contributes to conflict resolution.

Key Takeaways

Negotiation is a daily process influencing relational conditions. Interpersonal conflict, while not always negative, requires effective management to prevent emotional tolls. Perception biases play a role in conflict, necessitating communication for understanding. Cultural norms influence conflict engagement based on individualism, collectivism, and concern for self-face or other-face. Handling conflict involves identifying patterns, triggers, and responding mindfully to achieve positive outcomes.



Lesson 3: Customer Care and Client Orientation (communicate according to customer service principles).

Handling Customers

When dealing with challenging customers, it's crucial to question assumptions and approach them in a way that fosters cooperation. Guidelines for handling difficult customers include:

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1. **Question Your Assumptions:**

   Instead of assuming irrationality, identify motivations behind their actions.

   Test theories by asking questions and understanding their constraints.

2. **Promote a Hospitable Communication Environment:**

   Job satisfaction influences customer satisfaction.

   Address employee satisfaction by improving customer interactions.

3. **Model Collaborative Negotiating Behavior:**

   Encourage collaboration over threats and ultimatums.

   Practice active listening and present multiple offers to understand customer needs.

How to handle costumers

Effective customer handling begins with challenging assumptions. Often, a challenging customer can be approached effectively with the right communication. Follow these steps:
1) Question assumptions,
2) Foster a communicative environment, and
3) Demonstrate collaborative negotiation.
By expanding the value for both parties, a mutually beneficial outcome can be achieved. Engage in active listening and ask insightful questions to understand your counterpart's motivations, promoting a cooperative approach through attentive communication.

Customer Experience: Recognizing Your Customer's Purpose

Transforming customer experiences involves understanding and aligning with different levels of purpose: Big-P Purpose (Company), Medium-P Purpose (Brand), and Small-P Purpose (Customer).

Three Levels of Purpose:

1. **Big-P Purpose (Company):**

   Describes the company's role in the world.

   Galvanizes customers when shared purposes align.

   Guides decisions and actions globally.

2. **Medium-P Purpose (Brand):**

   Depicts the company's role in customers' lives.

   Purpose statements elevate customer expectations.

   Actions must align with stated purpose to avoid skepticism.

3. **Small-P Purpose (Customer):**

   Encompasses customer intents, needs, and desired outcomes.

   Customer purpose portfolio drives business performance.

   Deep understanding of customer purposes is vital.

(Define and) Deliver Purpose-Led Experiences:

- Customer experience is how customers react and feel when pursuing their purpose.
- Understand customer needs using research, informing company, brand, and customer purposes.
- Prioritize new experience concepts based on customer purpose portfolios for differentiation.

(Come Up with and) Prioritize New Experience Concepts:

- Generate ideas based on the customer purpose portfolio.
- Evaluate concepts individually for potential impact on Customer Performance Indicators (CPIs).
- Develop differentiated customer journeys focused on what matters most to customers.
- Increase company differentiation and value generation aligned with customer needs.

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Learning Unit 7

Social Responsibility, Entrepreneurship, Mentoring

Lesson 1: Social Responsibility in Sustainable Urban Logistics

In our globalized world, logistics plays a crucial role in supply chains and product distribution. However, it also contributes to environmental and social challenges. Logistics consumes resources and emits pollutants, posing issues like noise pollution and traffic accidents in urban areas. To address this, the concepts of Green Logistics and City Logistics focus on sustainable practices.

Green Logistics aims to reduce the environmental impact of supply chain management, considering air, water, and land. It emphasizes eco-efficient handling of products, services, and information. However, sustainable development involves three pillars: economic, environmental, and social dimensions.

Efforts to improve sustainability must extend to urban development, especially in last-mile delivery. Stakeholders' preferences in terms of sustainability need to be understood, and tools to stimulate sustainable choices are lacking.

Global Goals and Sustainable Mobility

Cycling aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and promotes human rights. Investment in cycling, including e-cycling and cargo cycling, directly supports 11 SDGs, such as ensuring healthy lives, quality education, reducing inequality, and creating inclusive and sustainable cities. Cycling also contributes to combatting climate change.

Cost-Benefit Analysis of Cycling

Cycling has lower external costs than car driving, reducing air pollution, traffic noise, and congestion. The health benefits of cycling outweigh the costs of injuries. Additionally, cycling contributes to public health savings through improved physical fitness.

Green Skills and Knowledge Concepts

GreenComp, a European sustainability competence framework, promotes competences for sustainability across four areas: embodying sustainability values, embracing complexity, envisioning sustainable futures, and acting for sustainability. These competences aim to develop systemic and critical thinkers committed to a sustainable future.

Sustainable City Logistics Challenges

Last-mile delivery and returns in e-commerce create challenges related to congestion, environmental pollution, and road accidents. Stakeholders, including e-customers, transport companies, and local governments, have varied preferences and expectations. A sustainable approach to city logistics, considering all stakeholders, is crucial to address these challenges and achieve the EU's Green Deal targets for ecological urban freight transport by 2030.

7.1.1 Relationship Between Logistics and Sustainable Development

The relationship between economic growth, energy consumption, and CO2 emissions is complex, particularly in logistics. Last-mile delivery, while favored by consumers, poses challenges to sustainability due to cost, inefficiency, and increased emissions. Despite these challenges, the logistics sector is adopting initiatives like decarbonization, environmentally friendly vehicles, and efficient last-mile strategies to reduce global CO2 emissions. Social responsibility in logistics involves improving working conditions, supporting public interests, and reducing environmental impact.

7.1.2 Responsible Sustainable Consumer Behavior

Responsible Sustainable Consumer Behavior (RSCB) considers both environmental and social dimensions. Research on 426 respondents shows that personal norms, concern, and ethical ideologies strongly impact RSCB. Socially responsible behavior is influenced more by perceived behavioral control and social norms. Sustainable responsible consumption requires a balance between environmental and social considerations, reflecting the complexity consumers face in achieving sustainability.

The Sustainable Last Mile

No single entity can create the sustainable last mile alone. Incentivizing greener choices for consumers involves making

them aware of the environmental impact of delivery options. The last-mile ecosystem should offer transparent, greener delivery choices at checkout. Governments can incentivize delivery companies to invest in greener fleets through infrastructure support, green cycle lanes, and other measures.

Novel Last Mile Delivery Models

The rise of e-commerce increases the need for last-mile logistics but also poses environmental challenges. Novel sustainable last-mile delivery methods, such as cargo bikes and e-bikes, offer solutions. Cargo bike delivery significantly reduces CO2 emissions, lowers traffic density, and enables fast delivery in urban areas. While cargo bikes have limitations, their sustainability advantages make them a growing trend, supported by major logistics providers.

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Lesson 2: EU Workers' Rights and Entrepreneurship Competence

EU Workers' Rights Overview

EU workers enjoy essential rights protected by European Union legislation, primarily centered around the freedom of movement. This right allows EU citizens to work freely across member states, preventing discrimination based on nationality in employment, compensation, and working conditions. Various EU laws and directives safeguard workers' rights, covering aspects such as equal treatment, working conditions, safety, wages, and industrial relations.

Key EU Legislation Protecting Workers' Rights

Regulations:

492/2011: Guarantees freedom of movement for workers.

1215/2012: Focuses on jurisdiction and recognition of judgments.

593/2008: Applies to contractual obligations.

Directives:

2003/88/EC: Organizes working time.

2010/18/EU: Focuses on parental leave.

96/71/EC: Addresses posting of workers.

97/81/EC: Deals with part-time work.

98/59/EC: Focuses on collective redundancies.

99/70/EC: Concerns fixed-term work.

2000/78/EC: Establishes equal treatment in employment.

2001/23/EC: Addresses safeguarding employees' rights in transfers.

Treaties:

Charter of Fundamental Rights: Ensures workplace equality (Article 23).

European Convention on Human Rights: Prohibits slavery and forced labor (Article 4).

European Convention on the Legal Status of Migrant Workers: Aims to eliminate discrimination.

European Social Charter: Relevant articles include the right to bargain collectively (Article 6).

Entrepreneurship Competence Development

Entrepreneurship competence is crucial for lifelong learning and coping with challenges. Developing this competence should begin at early educational levels, considering the changing interaction of human abilities with the environment. The model should account for learners' developmental specifics and psychological principles. Entrepreneurship competence encompasses knowledge, skills, beliefs, and motivation, helping individuals navigate a globalized and complex world. It is essential for citizens in a knowledge-based society and enhances individuals' potential for shaping their well-being.

Understanding entrepreneurship as a key competence involves considering its development parallel to professional skills. Entrepreneurship competence goes beyond business opportunities, emphasizing a way of thinking and acting in various disciplines. Success in entrepreneurship relies on personal factors, making personal development an integral part of entrepreneurship education. Supporting the development of

entrepreneurship competence at all levels enhances individuals' performance as entrepreneurs, employees, and in everyday activities.

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Types of Employment Status

Under the Employment Rights Act 1996, employment status impacts entitlement to rights. Three main types are employee, self-employed, and contractors and freelancers. Determining factors include dependence on the organization, control over work, and personal performance. Employment status affects legal rights, entitlements, and expectations.

Employee

Characterized by employer control, regular work, and non-negotiable tasks. Employees enjoy additional rights like parental leave, redundancy pay, and protection against unfair dismissal. Detrimental actions due to health and safety concerns can lead to unfair dismissal claims.

Self-employed

Involves autonomy in work, invoicing for pay, and service contracts. Self-employed individuals have some employment rights, including health and safety protection and anti-discrimination measures. However, their rights and responsibilities differ from employees.

Distinguishing between employment and self-employment is crucial for understanding legal rights and responsibilities. Whether you're self-employed or employed through an agency as a contractor, your status (self-employed, worker, or employee) and associated rights are outlined in the contract during its duration. Clarifying these distinctions is essential for both parties involved.

Entrepreneurship Competence

Entrepreneurship competence involves knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential for value creation and an entrepreneurial mindset. Success relies on discovering and exploiting opportunities, considering personal aspects and skill acquisition. Understanding the business environment and analyzing environmental impacts are crucial for entrepreneurial success.

Creative Thinking

Essential sub-competencies include creativity, problem-solving, planning, and ethical/sustainable thinking. Creativity is the process of associating diverse information for innovative solutions. Problem-solving requires a systematic approach, while planning is goal-oriented and flexible. Ethical and sustainable thinking considers societal impact and ecosystem dynamics.

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Managing Social Situations

Skills encompass personal initiative, communication, and cooperation. Personal initiative involves proactive and self-directed behaviors, crucial for opportunity discovery. Effective communication includes processing social information, tolerance, and negotiation skills. Cooperation skills enhance teamwork and understanding diverse forms of collaboration.

Inclusive Leadership

Critical for adapting to diversity, inclusive leadership involves awareness of bias, humility, and empathy. Organizational practices, like learning practices, enhance leadership proficiency. Designing practices involves defining challenges, articulating importance, seeking quality information, identifying success measures, grounding with intention, choosing implementable behaviors, seeking feedback, and reviewing progress.

Lesson 3: Mentoring and Workplace Motivation

Learners' Construction of Knowledge

Learners construct knowledge by connecting new information with existing concepts, creating new meanings. This process is most effective in active social classrooms, fostering understanding through interaction and diverse approaches. Novice learners may have less developed conceptual frameworks, requiring time to cluster knowledge, develop larger ideas, and interconnect concepts. Instructors can support expert learner pathways by assessing and clarifying prior knowledge, fostering social environments with varied approaches, encouraging reflection, and engaging in meta-cognition.

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Transfer of Knowledge

Transfer of knowledge is influenced by the context of original learning, and learners may struggle to apply knowledge across different contexts. To enhance flexibility, instructors can:

Ask learners to solve specific cases and provide similar ones to abstract general principles.

Encourage "what-if" problem-solving to increase understanding flexibility.

Generalize cases to apply solutions to a class of related problems. Transfer is impacted by learners' prior knowledge, including social roles related to race, class, gender, culture, and ethnic affiliations.

Culturally rooted knowledge promotes effective transfer, encouraging individuals to use their learning.

Motivation in the Workplace

Job motivation is the level of energy, commitment, and creativity employees bring to their work. It encompasses intrinsic motivation (internal satisfaction) and extrinsic motivation (external rewards). Effective motivation strategies include:

Setting realistic, attainable goals that contribute to wider company objectives.

Recognizing and appreciating employees' contributions to boost morale.

Offering various rewards, not necessarily monetary, to celebrate achievements.

Providing opportunities for career growth and skill development.

Assigning meaningful and challenging work to maintain interest and engagement.

Offering constructive feedback to clarify expectations and encourage improvement.

Cultivating a culture of appreciation through respect, empathy, and clear communication.

Motivated employees are more engaged, contributing positively to the workplace.

Teamwork_-_Concept_Illustration.jpg (2048×1447) (wikimedia.org)

Adaptability Definition

Adaptability is the capacity to constructively regulate psycho-behavioral functions in response to changing circumstances. It encompasses cognitive, behavioral, and emotional aspects, involving modifications in thinking, behavior, or emotions.

Adaptability in Learners and Employees

Adaptability promotes perceived control among students, reducing anxiety, disengagement, and self-handicapping. In the workplace, adaptability is linked to job satisfaction and performance. Females, highly educated workers, and those supported by managers exhibit higher adaptability.

Importance for Teachers/Mentors

Teachers and mentors must adapt to learners' needs by adjusting pace, activities, and resources. They manage unexpected situations, regulate emotions, and interact effectively with colleagues. Adaptability is

crucial in new roles, schools, and continuous learning, impacting teachers' well-being and students' achievement.

Scaffolding Techniques for Instructors

1. **Provide Scaffolding:** Begin with known content, gradually introducing new information. Scaffolding can operate on individual class or course levels.

2. **Visibly Organize Course Content:** Offer roadmaps, outlines, and clear transitions to help students organize information logically.

3. **Allow Predictions:** Encourage students to make predictions, valuing thinking over answers, and connection over 'rightness.'

4. **Show Expert Thinking:** Demonstrate problem-solving or topic exploration, revealing how experts with developed conceptual frameworks think.

Learning and Transfer

Understanding transfer is essential for competency development. Initial learning, abstract knowledge representations, and active transfer processes impact effective learning experiences.

Motivation to Learn

Motivation is influenced by challenges at the right difficulty level. Learners can be performance-oriented or learning-oriented. Social opportunities, the perception of contributing, and the relevance of learning positively impact motivation.

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