

How to Report Careless or Dangerous Driving

- 1) Get equipped with a good rear and/or front camera – ICC has discounts with
 - a. Magicshine rear camera and light
<https://www.ilkley.cc/groups/partners/bright-lights-from-magicshine-1702572915>
 - b. Chilli-Tech front camera
<https://www.ilkley.cc/groups/partners/bike-cameras-from-chilli-tech-1702573655>
- 2) Please make sure that your camera is calibrated to the correct day/time. This is important should the offending driver ever be brought to court.
- 3) Download relevant files when getting home from the ride.
- 4) Crop down your files (various free software packages can let you do this) to help police save time - try 30 seconds before and after the incident (note that N. Yorks Police request 60 seconds before and after)
- 5) Keep the large files in case needed later.
- 6) Label the cropped files with the registration plate of the vehicle, make, model and colour (handy to search and copy and paste when reporting).
- 7) *Optional* Enter the registration plate to check tax/registration using <https://vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk/> This will show if the vehicle isn't taxed or doesn't have an up-to-date MOT – useful additional information for the police. If you don't get the full reg plate, you can try <https://partialnumberplate.co.uk> with a ? in the space of the unknown number.
- 8) Use Google Maps to find the road name and number to identify the incident location on your report to the police. If you wish to reference the width of the road, then Google Maps has a tool - right mouse click - measure distance - click second point.
- 9) Reference any measures you were taking to keep safe, such as wearing high viz, helmet and using day lights. Police like to see you are making an effort.
- 10) Detail the offence using terms police will recognise (usually driving a motor vehicle without 'reasonable consideration' or without 'due care and attention' and hopefully not 'dangerous driving') – use words such as 'careless' or 'inconsiderate'. Also mention that as a cyclist you are a 'vulnerable road user', and add how the poor driving made you feel.
- 11) Briefly reference the weather and/or road conditions, especially if poor.
- 12) Report the incident to West, South or North Yorkshire police (depending on where the incident occurred*) via the online portal NextBase
<https://nextbase.co.uk/national-dash-cam-safety-portal/>
Report only one incident per incident form – any more than one complicates things for the police. If more than one of you has footage, select the clearest video to send.

*all England & Wales forces are represented on the map – just click on the relevant county