

The **pyramid of road users** is a visual representation used in road safety and transport planning to prioritize different types of road users based on their **vulnerability** and **impact on others**. Here's a breakdown of the typical structure from top to bottom:

**Top of the Pyramid (Most Vulnerable, Least Harmful)**

1. **Pedestrians and Wheelchair Users**
  - Most vulnerable to injury or death in collisions
  - Least impact on others and the environment
2. **Cyclists and Horse Riders**
  - Also vulnerable, especially in mixed traffic
  - Environmentally friendly and space-efficient
3. **Motorcyclists**
  - Vulnerable due to exposure and speed
  - Require careful consideration in road design
4. **Private Car**
  - Less vulnerable due to vehicle protection
  - Contribute more to congestion and pollution
5. **Public Transport**
  - Includes bus, tram, and train passengers
  - Efficient and reduces congestion and emissions
6. **Goods Vehicles (e.g., trucks, lorries)**
  - Least vulnerable but most dangerous to others
  - Essential for logistics but require careful regulation

**Bottom of the Pyramid (Least Vulnerable, Most Harmful)**