Road safety charity offers motoring tips from Peter Rodger - Watch our for joggers

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Road safety charity the IAM is offering weekly motoring tips from Britain's top advanced driver, Peter Rodger. This week, he is advising on dealing with vulnerable road users.

- Look well ahead so you see joggers, pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists early.
- Look for signs of distraction - are they wearing earphones? If so, they may be distracted by the noise.
- Give them plenty of room – especially if they are distracted.
- Be prepared for them to make unexpected changes of direction without looking first (expect the unexpected!)
- Remember they may not hear you (their music may be too loud) so sounding a horn is not necessarily going to alert them to your presence.
- In country roads remember there may be runners just round any bend – so drive in a way that allows you to deal with that safely and considerately.

IAM chief examiner Peter Rodger said: "With good weather and longer days, we often find that more people are out and about on the roads. Make sure you give those enjoying the outdoors extra space and consideration."

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Notes to editors:

1. Follow us on Twitter @IAMgroup.
2. Peter Rodger is the IAM's chief examiner
3. The IAM is the UK's largest independent road safety charity, dedicated to improving standards and safety in driving, motorcycling and cycling. The commercial division of the IAM operates through its occupational driver training company IAM Drive & Survive. The IAM has more than 200 local volunteer groups and over 100,000 members in the UK and Ireland. It is best known for the advanced driving test and the advanced driving, motorcycling and cycling courses. Its policy and research division offers advice and expertise on road safety.

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