



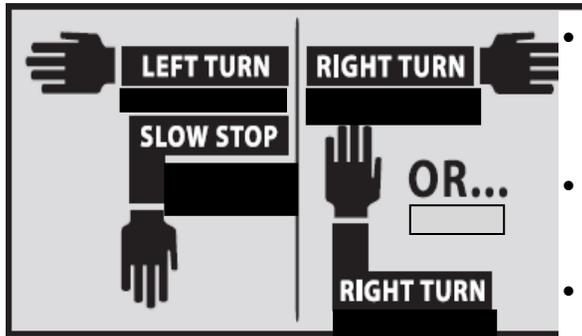
BE SMART. SHARE THE ROAD WITH BICYCLE RIDERS.

Drivers: People who ride bicycles are difficult to notice in traffic and have little protection from a traffic crash. Check your rear view mirror before stopping. Check vehicle's "blind spots" before you make a turn, parallel park, open a door or leave a curb. In addition to using your mirrors, look by turning your head to look for bicyclists, skaters and scooter operators who maybe alongside or approaching.

Tips for sharing the road with bicycles

- **Drive Cautiously.** Reduce speed when encountering cyclists. Do not follow closely. Give space between your vehicle and bicycle. Recognize hazards bicycle riders may face and give them space.
- **Yield to Bicycles.** Bicycles are considered vehicles and drive in the same direction as vehicles. Give the appropriate right of way. Allow extra time for bicycle riders to traverse intersections.
- **Be Considerate.** Scan for bicycles in traffic and at intersections. Do not blast your horn close to bicycle riders. Look for bicycle riders when stopping and opening doors.
- **Pass with Care.** When passing, leave four feet between you and a bicycle rider. Wait for safe road and traffic conditions before you pass a bicycle. Check over your shoulder before moving back.
- **Watch for Children.** Children on bicycles are often unpredictable. Expect the unexpected and slow down. Don't expect children to know traffic laws. Because of their size, children can be harder to see.

Tips for people who ride bicycles



- **The same laws that apply to motorists apply to bicycles.** Obey all traffic control devices (signs and lights) and use hand signals to indicate stops and turns.
- **Ride on the right side of road.** Always ride in the same direction as traffic. Use the furthest right lane. Slower moving bicycles and vehicles stay to the right.
- **Brakes. Bell. Lights.** Bikes must have working brakes, a horn or bell and headlight.
- **Always wear a properly fitting helmet.** It is not recommended to wear a hat or headscarf while wearing a helmet as they reduce the safety effectiveness of helmets.
- **Ride Predictably.** Ride in straight line and do not swerve in the road or between parked cars. Check for traffic before entering street or intersection. Anticipate hazards and adjust position for safety.
- **Be visible.** Wear brightly colored contrasting clothing. Use white front light in low light conditions and red rear light in low light conditions. Use a reflector or reflective tape or clothing. Make eye contact with motorists to be seen.
- **Child Passengers** 1-4 years old must ride in attached bicycle safety seat. It is illegal to carry a baby under 1 year old on a bicycle.
- **Supervise Children** Caregivers are expected to be with children outside and help children learn to ride bikes and to know traffic rules. Children are allowed to ride on sidewalks while being considerate of walkers.

