

Road Safety Tips for Drivers & Bicyclists



SAFETY FOR BIKERS

Obey all traffic control devices (stop signs / stop lights).

Never ride against traffic.

Use bike lanes or designated bike routes whenever possible.

Always use hand signals when turning.

Ride in a straight line – to the right of traffic unless turning and a car door width away from parked cars.

Choose the best way to turn left.

1. Like an auto (move to the left lane and then turn left).
2. Like a pedestrian, go to the crosswalk and walk your bike across.

Always wear a helmet.

Do not ride while wearing headphones.

Use lights at night – a flashing light during the day will make you more visible.

Don't pass on the right – drivers may not look for or see you.

Make eye contact with drivers – assume drivers do not see you until you are sure they do.

Do not stop in drivers' blind spots.

Be more visible – wear bright clothing.

SAFETY FOR DRIVERS

Bicycles are considered vehicles – yield to them. Give cyclists the proper right of way.

Drive cautiously, reduce speed when encountering cyclists.

Don't tailgate.

Watch for hazards cyclists may face and give them space.

Yield to cyclists when turning.

Look for cyclists when opening doors.

Pass with care leaving three feet between you and the cyclist. Wait for safe road and traffic conditions before you pass.

When turning right, look for oncoming traffic in both directions. But be sure to double check the right before making the turn to make sure a cyclist has not pulled up on your right.