



Bicyclists - Ride Smarter

Give Yourself Some Space: You've got a legal right to the road, so use it; take the full lane when needed, stay away from car doors, and don't squeeze between lanes. Two bicyclists can ride side-by-side, but get into single file if cars can't pass safely.

Go With The Flow: Ride in the same direction as other traffic, and ride as straight as you can; don't weave between parked cars or into crosswalks.

Take A Break: Stopping at red lights and stop signs gives you a chance to relax, chat with the cute biker behind you, and set a good example for everyone else on the road.

Light Up The Night: Lights help you see where you're going, but it's more about everyone else seeing you.

Walkers Go First: If you run into a pedestrian, it doesn't matter who was right or wrong, it just hurts.

Get Some Head Insurance: We hope you'll never need your helmet, but the one time you do, there is no substitute. Your brain is your most important piece of safety equipment.

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Motorists - Drive Safer

Bicycles Are Vehicles Too: The law says bicycles are vehicles, and it's OK (and often safer) for them to ride in the middle of the lane.

Bicycles Reduce Traffic: Sometimes it might seem like bicyclists are slowing you down, but remember, every person on a bicycle is one less car on the road.

Save The Squeeze Plays For Baseball: Stay a few feet away from bicyclists when passing; don't try to squeeze past them.

No Sudden Moves: Abrupt turns can cause crashes, so always look for bicyclists and use your turn signals.

Look Before You Leap (Out): Look behind you for approaching bicycles before opening a door on either side of your vehicle (or risk a \$100 fine).

The Truth About Bike Lanes: While cars must stay out of bike lanes, bicyclists do not have to stay in the bike lane.

There's No Nice Way To Honk: Honking can startle a bicyclist and cause a crash, so only honk when absolutely necessary.

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