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## BIKE SAFETY TIPS

Every roadway user has a responsibility to keep our streets safe. When traveling, remember to always be courteous, be aware of your surroundings and follow the rules of the road.

## WHEN YOU BIKE

**Yield to pedestrians.** Bicyclists are required to stop for pedestrians when they are crossing in both marked and unmarked crosswalks.

**Always be predictable.** Maintain a straight line of travel, use hand signals when turning or coming to a stop, and ride with traffic – not against it.

**Obey traffic signs and signals.** Stop at stop signs and obey traffic lights, bicyclists are required to follow the same traffic rules as a motorist.



Ride with caution. Be extra attentive when approaching driveways and intersections.

**Be bright and be seen.** Always use a front white light and a rear red reflector when riding at night or in low visibility conditions. Wear light colored clothing to stand out against a dark background as you ride.

**Leave the earbuds at home.** Make sure you can hear other roadway users by keeping at least one earbud, preferably both, out when you ride.



## WHEN YOU DRIVE

**Yield to pedestrians.** Motorists are required to stop for pedestrians when they are crossing in both marked and unmarked crosswalks.

**Use turn signals.** Signaling that you intend to turn alerts bicyclists and other roadway users of your course of travel. The law requires you to signal at least 100' before you make your turn.



**Check blind spots.** Looking over your shoulder and checking your side-view mirror are strong habits to help avoid a collision with a cyclist. Be extra attentive when turning right as bicyclists tend to ride on the right of traffic.

**Mind the door zone.** Take care when opening a door into the bike lane or street so as not to hit a passing bicycle rider with your door.



**Respect the bike lane.** Never enter a bike lane except in instances when you need to turn, enter or leave the roadway or park. Always yield to bicyclists when you cross a bike lane.

**Give me three feet – it's the law**. When passing a cyclist, five feet of distance is preferred while three feet is the minimum.

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