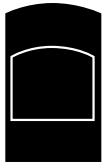


# Bicycle Traffic Tips

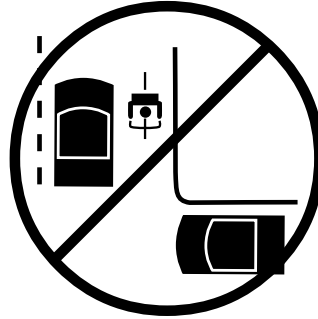


Ride on the Right.

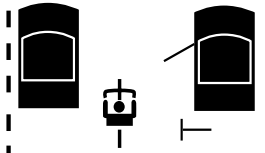
Obey all traffic laws, signs and signals. You have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists.

Never Ride Against Traffic. It's illegal.

Drivers do not expect traffic on the wrong side of the road and will not be looking for you.



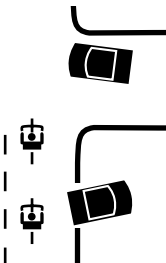
Avoid Car Doors and Other Hazards.



When possible, ride to the right of faster traffic but far enough out to be clear of car doors opening and other hazards such as debris, glass and parallel sewer grates.

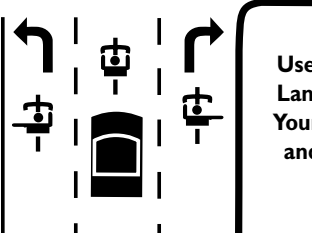
Watch for Cars Pulling Out from Side Streets and Driveways.

Make eye contact with drivers. Don't ride in the gutter; ride in the street where you can see and be seen more easily. Keep both hands on your handlebars so you can brake quickly if necessary.



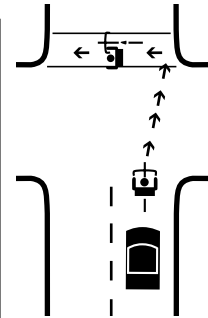
Use the Rightmost Lane that Leads to Your Destination — and Signal Turns.

If a lane serves more than one destination, ride in that third of the lane corresponding to your destination (ie. right third for a right turn, etc.)

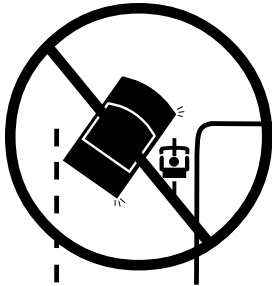


Another Way to Turn Left.

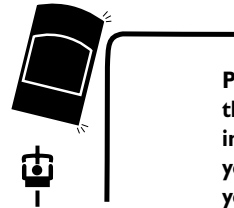
Ride straight through the intersection, then pull right and walk (don't ride) your bicycle across the pedestrian crosswalk.



Avoid Being Cut Off by Right Turning Vehicles.



Don't get caught to the right of right turning vehicles.



Position yourself so that vehicles will go in front of you, behind you, or to the right of you to turn right.

Wear Sensible Clothes. Always Wear a Helmet.

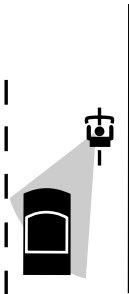


Wear gloves, protective eyewear, and bright clothes. Avoid items which can get caught in moving parts.

Wear a helmet. It's the law if you're under 18. It's common sense at any age.

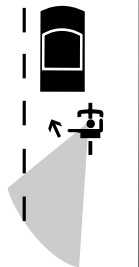
Scanning: Look, Yield and Signal Before Moving Left

1. Learn to look over your left shoulder for traffic while traveling straight forward.



2. When clear, signal and move left.

Repeat Steps 1 & 2 every time you need to move left.



Note: In slower traffic, you can sometimes negotiate lane changes with drivers by making eye contact. In faster traffic this is not possible, so wait for a clean break in traffic, especially when crossing multiple lanes. These skills take practice. Use your judgement and stay within your abilities.

Some Basic Skills—Learn 'em!

- 1) Starting, riding straight & stopping
- 2) Entering the street safely (stop, scan, yield to traffic)
- 3) Scanning back for traffic (especially before moving left and when approaching places where cars might turn right)
- 4) Scanning ahead for traffic & hazards
- 5) Signalling turns & lane changes
- 6) Watching driveways and cross streets
- 7) Children should not ride at night

Be Courteous to All Motorists. • Do You Drive as Well as Ride a Bike? Remember to Respect the Rights of Bicyclists and Share the Road.