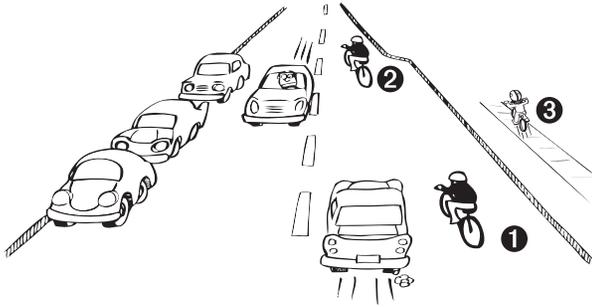


WHERE BIKERS SHOULD RIDE



- 1 In a wide lane, bicyclists can share the lane with car drivers.
- 2 In a narrow lane, bicyclists should ride in the middle so cars do not squeeze them out of the traffic lane.
- 3 Kids usually ride bicycles on sidewalks.

BICYCLISTS MIGHT SUPRISE YOU

Adult bicyclists should ride in the street. If they do, they must obey the same rules as car drivers. **But not all bicyclists do!** Use your driving skills to avoid crashes, even when it is not your fault.

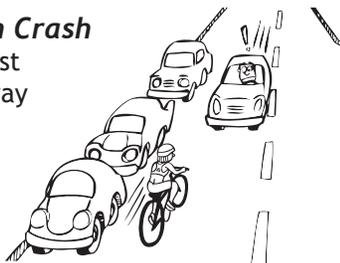
Avoid a Side Hit

When you see a bicyclist on a cross street coming to a red light or stop sign, get ready to brake. The bicyclist might cross in front of you.



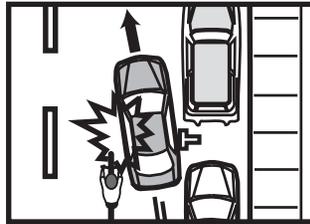
Avoid a Head-on Crash

If you see a bicyclist riding the wrong way (against traffic) slow down and pass with lots of room.



YIELD TO BICYCLISTS WHEN PULLING OVER

- 1 Before you pull over, put on your **turn signal**, then look over your shoulder to check for bicyclists. If you see any bicyclists, **yield**. Let them pass before you pull over.
- 2 When you stop temporarily, put on your **hazard lights** so bicyclists know it is safe to pass.
- 3 Before you pull out, use a turn signal. Look over your left shoulder for bicyclists in your **blind spot**.



SAFELY EXIT YOUR VEHICLE: AVOID A "DOORING"

It is not always safe to exit on the curb side. Pull over as far as possible and **always warn passengers** to:

- 1 Look for bicyclists before opening the door.
- 2 Keep the door closed until the bicyclists pass.



Before exiting your vehicle on the drivers side, **check over your shoulder** for bicyclists.

TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

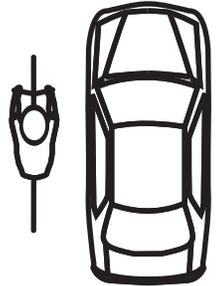
Sharing the Road with Bicycle Riders

Why should you learn to DRIVE next to BICYCLISTS?

Bicyclists and motorists share all the same rights and responsibilities on the road.

Many bicyclists ride in the street alongside cars and trucks, which pose the biggest danger to bicyclists. Crashes with motor vehicles cause more injuries than any other type of bicycle crash.

As a driver, it is your responsibility to look out for more vulnerable users of the roads, like bicyclists and pedestrians. **Responsible driving helps prevent injuries and save lives.**



Why it is GOOD to have MORE bicyclists on the roads:

Less car traffic: Bicycling is a practical way to run errands, travel to work and deliver packages without increasing car traffic and congestion.

Clean air: When people ride bikes instead of driving, it helps keep the air clean.

Healthy citizens: Bicycling helps people stay active and healthy.

Cycling is fun: Bicycling is good recreation for residents and tourists.

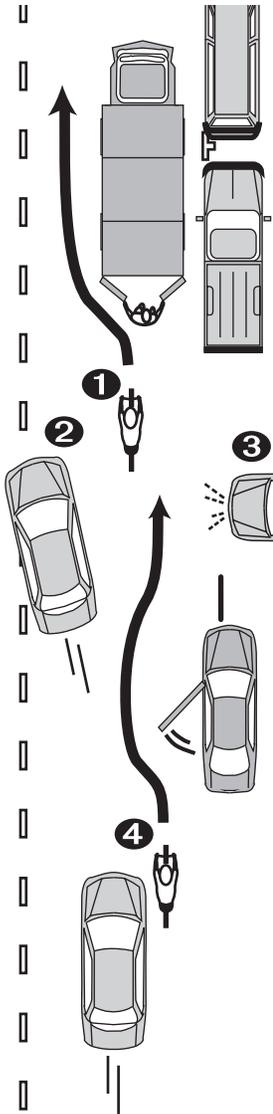


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SHARING THE ROAD WITH BICYCLISTS

1 Bicyclists often must *merge* with faster moving traffic to avoid hazards and double-parked vehicles. When bicyclists merge in front of you, let them in and do not follow too closely. Do not honk at a bicyclists unless it is a case of extreme danger.

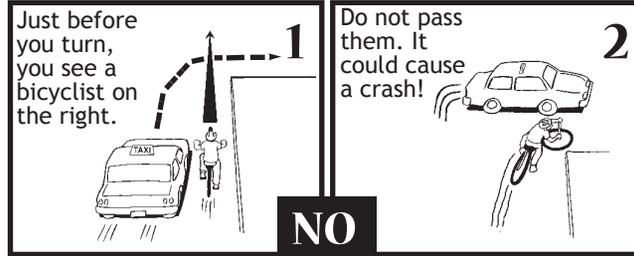


2 If you can, you should change lanes before passing bicyclists. Always slow down and pass them with at least **three feet** of space. Then wait until you can see them in your mirror before going back into the lane.

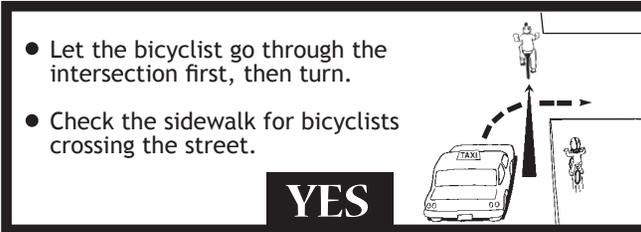
3 Avoid a *drive-out*. Before exiting an alley or driveway, stop, sound your horn, and look for bicyclists and pedestrians on the sidewalk and street.

4 This car is passing too closely for the bicyclists to avoid hazards (like opening car doors). To avoid a crash, always leave at least **three feet** of space between any bicyclist and your car.

TURNING RIGHT: Always look for and yield to bicyclists

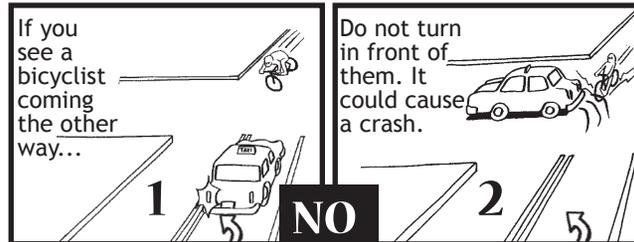


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TURNING LEFT: Bicyclists can move faster than you think



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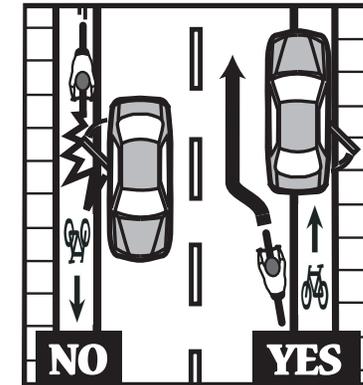
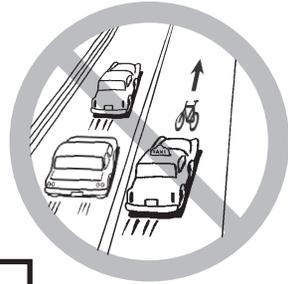
BICYCLIST TURN SIGNALS



Bicyclists often use hand signals when they are going to turn.

BIKE LANES

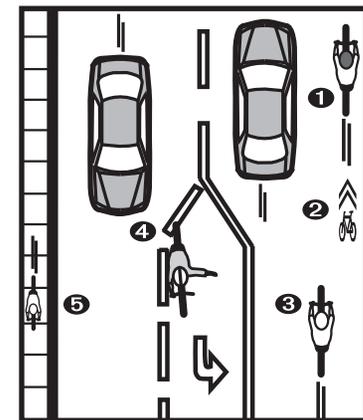
When entering the bike lane to turn or parallel park, always:



- Yield to bicyclists.
- Use your turn signal.
- Pull all the way into the bike lane so bicyclists will pass on the left.

BE AWARE OF BICYCLE TRAFFIC

- 1 Bicyclists usually ride just to the right of faster-moving traffic.
- 2 If you see this symbol on the pavement, it means you will likely have to share a lane with a bicyclist.



- 3 Where a lane is too narrow, bicyclists may ride in the middle. Change lanes before you pass them and leave at least **three feet**. Do not follow closely because bicyclists can stop suddenly.

- 4 Bicyclists may use the **left lane** to turn. Let them merge and do not follow too closely.

Before moving into a left turn lane, check over your left shoulder for bicyclists.

- 5 Children typically bicycle on the **sidewalk**. When you see kids in crosswalks or near intersections, get ready to stop for them.