

# Passing Other Bikers

## Tips for avoiding a crash



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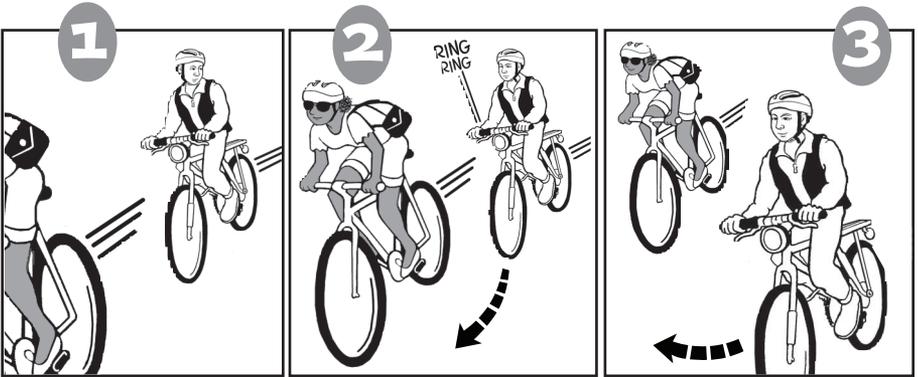
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# When passing other bicycle riders on the street or trail:

1. Look back over your shoulder for traffic.
2. Call out “on your left” or “on your right,” or ring your bell. (You should pass on the left unless it seems unsafe.)
3. Pass the other bike rider no closer than 3 feet.



## Why should you warn someone before passing them?

If they swerve suddenly—to avoid an obstacle or because they lose control—and if they do not know you are there, you will crash!

