

Share the Road...

- ✓ **Give way when required** - Bikes must give way to pedestrians. Skaters and rollerbladers must give way to bikes and pedestrians. On segregated paths, use the side that's made for you (note that rollerblades, skaters and people in or pushing wheelchairs should use the side that's for bikes).
- ✓ **Check Speed** - Cyclists should ride at a speed to match the conditions. Go slower around pedestrians. If you wish to travel at higher speeds, you should consider using an on-road route instead.
- ✓ **Smile!**

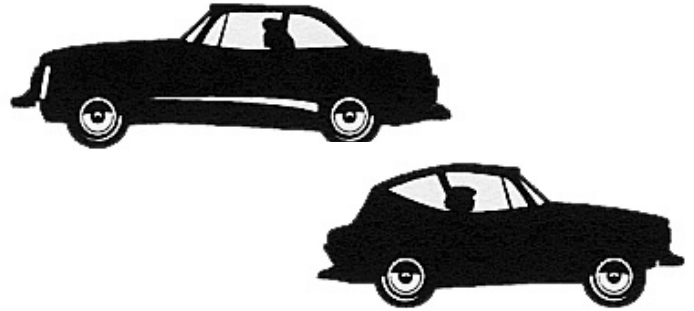
Safety - Tips for cyclists

Bicycles are vehicles and belong on the road. While sharing the road with motorists, you must share the responsibilities.

- ✓ **Be aware** - ride defensively. Know what the other traffic is doing. Scan the road behind - shoulder check regularly. Be prepared to manoeuvre for safety even though bicycles have an equal right to use the road. Watch for cars entering from driveways.
- ✓ **Be seen** - use lights at night and have reflectors on your bike. Light coloured clothing can make you more visible to motorists.
- ✓ **Be predictable** - ride in a straight line at least one metre from the curb so you can move around road hazards. Use hand signals. Let others know where you are going. Avoid weaving in and out of traffic or around parked cars.
- ✓ **Be careful at intersections** - proceed with care since most bicycle crashes occur at intersections. Vehicles making turns are particularly dangerous. Make eye contact with drivers to ensure they know you are there.
- ✓ **Beware of car doors** - when riding beside parked cars, look for people inside. If you see people, ride a door width away.
- ✓ **Use the appropriate lane** - Do not ride in a left turn only lane if you are going straight through. Move into the through lane early. In a narrow lane, on a roundabout or in a slow traffic, it may be safer to take a whole lane.
- ✓ **Options for turning right** - turn as a vehicle, signal, move to the right turning lane and turn when safe OR use a hook turn, OR as a pedestrian, ride to the far pedestrian crossing, dismount and walk across.
- ✓ **Follow the road rules** - remember you have the same rights and responsibilities as all other road users.

(Note: The above tips are not a statement of "the law" and should not be taken as such.)

Motorists...



Cyclists...



and Pedestrians...



...to share the road safely!

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Safety - Tips for motorists

Bicycles are a legal vehicle and have the same rights and responsibilities on the road as other road users. However, they are smaller and more vulnerable. Motorists can make it easier and safer for cyclists to ride on the road if they follow a few simple steps:

- ✓ **Make room** - when you overtake a cyclist, give them lots of room (at least one metre or a whole lane if you're travelling over 60km/h) in case they need to swerve to avoid other hazards.
- ✓ **Check for cyclists** - check your blind spots for cyclists before changing course, turning or opening your car door.
- ✓ **Give way when required** - treat cyclists like any other vehicle - give way when required and leave them enough space to be safe.
- ✓ **Be patient** - wait until it's safe before overtaking a cyclist. It won't hold you up long and it could save their life. If a cyclist is ahead of you and you are turning left, do so behind the cyclist. Overtaking and cutting off a cyclist is extremely dangerous.
- ✓ **Take extra care at night and in the wet** - Watch out for cyclists at night, dawn or dusk. Be considerate and dip your headlights when approaching a cyclist. Wet weather means oily, slippery roads and poor visibility for all road users so be especially careful around cyclists at this time.
- ✓ **Be safe around schools** - especially around schools and places where children might be riding bikes.
- ✓ **Many crashes between bikes and cars** involve children. Young cyclists are not always predictable and can lack road sense. Please be careful! Give them extra space when passing and slow down around schools.
- ✓ **Be fair** - cyclists are legitimate road users - treat them with respect and courtesy. That cyclist in front of you could just be your father, mother, girlfriend, husband, child, niece, nephew, or your best friend so it pays to take care.

Remember, cyclists are legitimate road users and most adult cyclists also own a car and pay registration. By choosing to ride instead of drive, cyclists are benefiting everyone by reducing traffic congestion, pollution and road damage.

Safety - Tips for cyclists

People riding bikes, walking, in wheelchairs, pushing prams, walking dogs or using rollerblades or skateboards share many paths around our cities and towns.

Footpaths, shared use paths and segregated paths are there for everyone to enjoy, but it's no fun if you crash into someone else.

All users have legitimate rights on certain types of paths but with those rights come personal responsibilities. For example, in Queensland, cyclists are allowed to ride on footpaths unless prohibited by signs, but they must give way to pedestrians. Here are some tips on sharing paths safely.

- ✓ **Keep left and signal** - On paths, follow the same rules as on the road. Keep left unless overtaking. When overtaking, please allow the maximum clearance the path permits between you and the other user. Cyclists reduce your speed as you pass and signal your intentions as you would on the road.
- ✓ **Acknowledge others** - Try to use eye contact and other body language to acknowledge the signals and presence of other path users. **Remember, some path users may have difficulties that mean they can not always see or hear you.**
- ✓ **Be predictable** - walk, ride or skate in a straight line. Crashes mostly occur when someone does something unexpected. Signal or check behind when you change direction. Keep your dog on a leash. Teach children to check for bikes or skaters when crossing paths.
- ✓ **See and be seen** - Paths are often not well lit at night. Make sure you can see and be seen. Wear light coloured clothing or even reflective gear. By law, bicycles ridden after dark must have steady or flashing front and rear lights visible for at least 200 metres and a red reflector on the rear.
- ✓ **Hear and be heard** - Cyclists use your bell (by law, you must have one on your bike). Leave the headphones at home.