

Motorists

What you need to know about driving near cyclists on the road.

Whether you're in a car or on a bike, the safety of everyone on the road is a responsibility shared by all of us. When driving, you can help make the road safer for yourself and bike riders with these safety practices:

Give Them 3 Feet

Watch for Hand Signals

Be Patient

Stay Focused

Remember, roads are to be shared! Cyclists have the same rights as motorists, but also the same responsibilities.

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Give Them 3 Feet

Drivers must provide a minimum of 3 feet of space when passing a bicycle at a speed slow enough to ensure safety. This law was recently amended allowing a driver of a vehicle to travel to the left of the center of a roadway to pass a bicyclist when safe to do so.

Watch for Hand Signals

Cyclists use hand signals to make you aware of what their next move will be. Pay attention and learn what they are so that you know how to react. Always keep a safe following distance and give yourself time to react to what a cyclist might do.

Be Patient

Bicycles may use any portion of the lane on roads with a posted speed limit of 50 mph or lower where there is no shoulder or if the travel lane is narrow. When turning, yield the right-of-way to bicyclists in the same manner as yielding to other motorists.

Stay Focused

Stay off your phone. Be aware of your surroundings. You may encounter a bicyclist on any type of road, in all kinds of weather, day or night. Be cautious when making right turns around cyclists and do not pass a cyclist if you plan to make a right turn immediately. When stopped on a road, look for approaching cyclists before opening your door.

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