

BikeRight

Cycling Safety Tips



Go with the flow.

Ride in the direction of traffic.
Riding against traffic is dangerous and illegal.
Motorists and pedestrians are not looking for cyclists going the wrong direction.

Take the lane.

Operate as a vehicle when turning.
If you can't change lanes to turn left, walk the bike to turn left as a pedestrian at the crosswalk.

Use the bike lane.

Where available, ride to the left in designated bike lanes, adjacent to parked cars.

See and be seen.

Use mirrors to see what is around you.
Wear bright colors.
Use daytime running lights.

Ride on the right.

Cyclists should ride as close to the right side of the road as practical, except in right or left turn lanes, where cyclists should take a more visible position. Do not ride in the gutter or hug the edge of the pavement.

Ride straight.

If you weave in and out between parked cars motorists won't know what to expect. Ride in a straight line, at least 3 feet from parked cars.

Don't get dinged

Avoid the "door ding" zone.
Parked cars opening doors can seriously injure cyclists.
Ride 3 - 4 feet from the left side of parked cars.