

At an intersection, you must wait until a crossing pedestrian has cleared your lane and the next lane

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Treat pedestrians with respect.

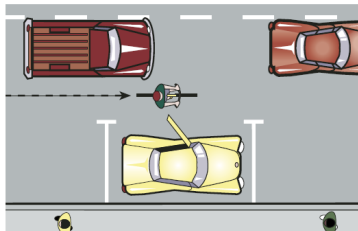
If riding on a sidewalk is the only safe option, be cautious and yield to pedestrians. Give an audible warning when passing pedestrians.

Many motorists are not looking for bicyclists on the sidewalk, especially those riding against traffic. At every driveway and intersection, you are at much greater risk of being hit by a motorist than if you were riding on the road with the flow of traffic.

If riding on a sidewalk, be especially careful at intersections and driveways.

Stay focused and alert.

Using headphones or a cell phone is distracting and limits your ability to hear traffic.



Avoid open car doors
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Be aware of the traffic around you. Ride defensively.

Always look for obstacles in your path - potholes, cracks, wet leaves, drainage grates. Also watch for parked cars, doors opening, and cars pulling in and out of driveways.



Safety tips for bicyclists

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2. **Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road.**
3. **Treat pedestrians with respect.**
4. **Stay focused and alert.**

For more information and bicyclist resources, go to the CAMPO website: www.corvallisareampo.org.



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Drive Your Bike

Bikes are Vehicles too.

Safety tips for bicyclists



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In Oregon, a bike is a vehicle and you are its driver. You share the same rights and duties with all other drivers when you ride on the streets.

Below are some basic safety tips for bicycle 'drivers' in Corvallis.

1. Wear bright colors. Use lights and a helmet.
2. Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road.
3. Treat pedestrians with respect.
4. Stay focused and alert.

Dress Smart.

Wear bright colors, lights and a helmet.

Head injuries are often severe and debilitating. A properly fitted and safety approved bicycle helmet can protect you from head injuries.

Oregon statute requires the use of a helmet by persons under the age of 16 when operating on a roadway or premises open to the public.



Helmet, gloves, sunglasses, and leg strap increase safety and comfort of a cyclist

Wear bright, reflective clothing. You may also want to add reflective tape to your helmet or fenders.

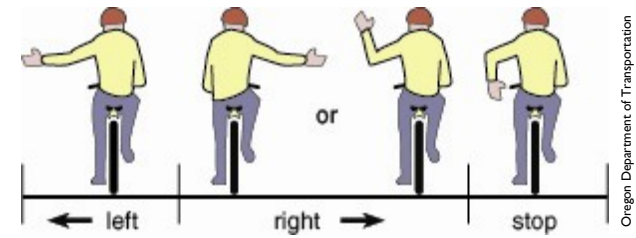
In low light conditions, the law requires the use of a solid white light on the front and a red reflector or light on the rear. Using a flashing red light in the rear will significantly increase your visibility to motorists.

Be Predictable. Follow the rules of the road.

Ride with traffic! Riding against traffic places bicyclists at risk, particularly at intersections where they may be overlooked by motorists watching for oncoming traffic.

Bicycles are considered vehicles on the road and bicyclists must follow traffic laws that apply to motor vehicles.

- Always ride on the right side of the road with the flow of traffic. On one-way streets, try to ride in the outside lanes and never ride the wrong way.
- Do not swerve in and out of traffic or parked cars or alternate between the road and sidewalk. Pick a line of travel and stick to it.
- Obey traffic lights, signs and lane markings. Signal when you change lanes.
- Yield to traffic and pedestrians when appropriate.
- Obey sidewalk markings which prohibit bicycle riding in high-pedestrian areas. Walk your bike in these areas.



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Use your signals - it's the law!

Bicyclists on the roadway are required to signal for a distance of 100 feet before a turn. Because your signaling hand is needed for steering, signal when it is safe to do so.

Signal whenever you intend to turn, merge into another travel lane, change positions in your current travel lane, or stop.



Using Sharrows

Sharrow pavement markings indicate where travel lanes are shared by both motorists and bicyclists.

Merge carefully and use hand signals whenever you share a lane. Assert yourself and ride in the center of the travel lane.

Always obey traffic signals and signs when sharing a lane.

