Under Ohio law*, adult bicyclists belong on the road. While the law tells bicyclists to normally ride to the far right, they may lawfully use a full lane to avoid obstacles, make left turns, or when roadways are too narrow for a motorist to safely pass a bicyclist.

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Tips for Bicyclists

▶ Obey all traffic laws, including stopping for red lights and stop signs.
▶ Ride with traffic; never against it.
▶ Try to make eye contact with motorists.
▶ Wear a properly fitting helmet, even on the shortest of rides.
▶ Ride in the street. Refer to your local city code for guidance about sidewalks.
▶ Keep your bike in working order, especially your brakes and chain.
▶ Ride predictably. Use proper hand signals for turning and stopping.
▶ Ride respectfully, single file or no more than two abreast.
▶ Ride outside the “door zone” of parked cars, even if there is a bike lane or traffic trying to pass you.
▶ Ride far enough from the curb to avoid potholes, debris and storm grates.
▶ Be visible, wear bright clothing.
▶ Use a bicycle headlight and taillight at night and in inclement weather.

Tips for Motorists

▶ Under Ohio law*, adult bicyclists belong on the road, not on the sidewalk.
▶ Pay attention. Expect bikes and motorcycles on the road, and pedestrians in crosswalks.
▶ Pass with care. Allow at least three feet between you and bicyclists.
▶ Wait until it’s safe to pass bicyclists.
▶ Try to make eye contact with bicyclists.
▶ When making left turns, yield to oncoming bikes.
▶ Before making right turns, check for approaching bicycles on your right. Yield as you merge carefully into the turn lane.
▶ Use your mirrors! Look for approaching bicyclists before opening your car doors.
▶ Watch for and yield to bicyclists when pulling out of a driveway.

Remember, call the Local Police Dispatch if you see an immediate issue, violation, or accident. Or call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency.

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