

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.

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.

## 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.