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Share the Road

The best way to educate motorists on bicyclists' rights to the road is to ride respectfully and have facts on your side. Here are some resources for cyclists and drivers on sharing the road.

Sharing the Road: Cyclists

On the Road:

- > The same laws that apply to motorists apply to cyclists
- > Obey all traffic control devices
- > Use hand signals to indicate stops and turns other users

Always Wear a Properly Fitting Helmet:

- > Wear a helmet, no matter how short the trip

Ride on the Right:

- > Always ride in the same direction as traffic
- > Use the furthest right lane that heads to your destination
- > Slower moving cyclists and motorists stay to the right

Ride Predictably:

- > Ride in a straight line
- > Don't swerve in the road or between parked cars
- > Check for traffic before entering street or intersection
- > Anticipate hazards and adjust your position accordingly

Be Visible:

- > Wear brightly colored clothing that provides contrast
- > Use a white front light in low light conditions
- > Use a red rear light in low light conditions
- > Use a reflector or reflective tape or clothing anytime
- > Announce yourself by making eye contact with motorists

Sharing the Road: Motorists

Drive Cautiously:

- > Reduce speed when encountering cyclists
- > Don't tailgate, especially in bad weather

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- > Recognize hazards cyclists may face and give them space

Yield to Cyclists:

- > Bicycles are considered vehicles
- > Cyclists should be given the appropriate right of way
- > Allow extra time for cyclists to traverse intersections

Be Considerate:

- > Scan for cyclists in traffic and at intersections
- > Do not blast your horn in close proximity to cyclists
- > Look for cyclists when opening doors

Pass with Care:

- > When passing, leave four feet between you and a cyclist
- > Wait for safe road and traffic conditions before you pass
- > Check over your shoulder before moving back

Watch for Children:

- > Children on bicycles are often unpredictable
- > Expect the unexpected and slow down
- > Don't expect children to know traffic laws
- > Because of their size children can be harder to see

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