

SHARE THE ROAD

BIKE RIGHT
Ride with traffic
Follow the Rules of the Road
Be Alert
Stay visible and ride safe
Share the lane

WALK LEFT
Walk on the sidewalk
Walk facing traffic
Use crosswalks
Be visible
Pay attention

DRIVE WISE
Pass with care
Be considerate
Expect the unexpected
Respect all users
Keep it clean



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Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Guide

Share the Road... Every Life Counts

The road is a place for all modes of transportation. Today, an increasing number of people are choosing to bike, walk or run either for exercise, recreation, or commuting. These modes need to share the road with other vehicles. It is important for everyone to be aware of all users of the road. This guide has tips for bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists on how to share the road safely.

Whether you are driving your car, riding your bike, or just walking, your safety depends on sharing the road safely with other users. Remember to...

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BIKE SAFETY

Use Hand Signals: Use proper hand signals when turning, changing lanes, or merging into a lane. Make eye contact with other drivers, if possible, when turning.



- A Turning Left:** There are two ways to turn left:
- 1) Like a car: look back, signal, move into the left turn lane or out into your lane and then turn left, yielding to through traffic.
 - 2) Like a pedestrian: ride straight to the far-side crosswalk, dismount and walk your bike across the street.

B Turning Right: Look back, signal, move into the right turn lane or into your lane and then turn right. Watch for cars turning right.

C Riding Straight Through: With a right turn lane: look back, signal, and move into the through lane. Without a right turn lane: watch for cars turning right and move into the through lane.

Remember, Bicyclists must obey all traffic laws, just like a motorist.

SIDEWALKS & TRAILS

D Sidewalks & Trails: While biking on sidewalks or trails, yield to pedestrians and give them warning before passing them. Always come to a complete stop before crossing a street, giving the right-of-way to vehicular traffic. Biking on the sidewalk is not always permissible, make sure you check your local ordinances to see where it is acceptable to ride a bike on a sidewalk before you head out.

CROSSWALKS



Start Crossing
Watch for vehicles before crossing



Don't Start Crossing
Finish crossing if you are already crossing, but do not start crossing



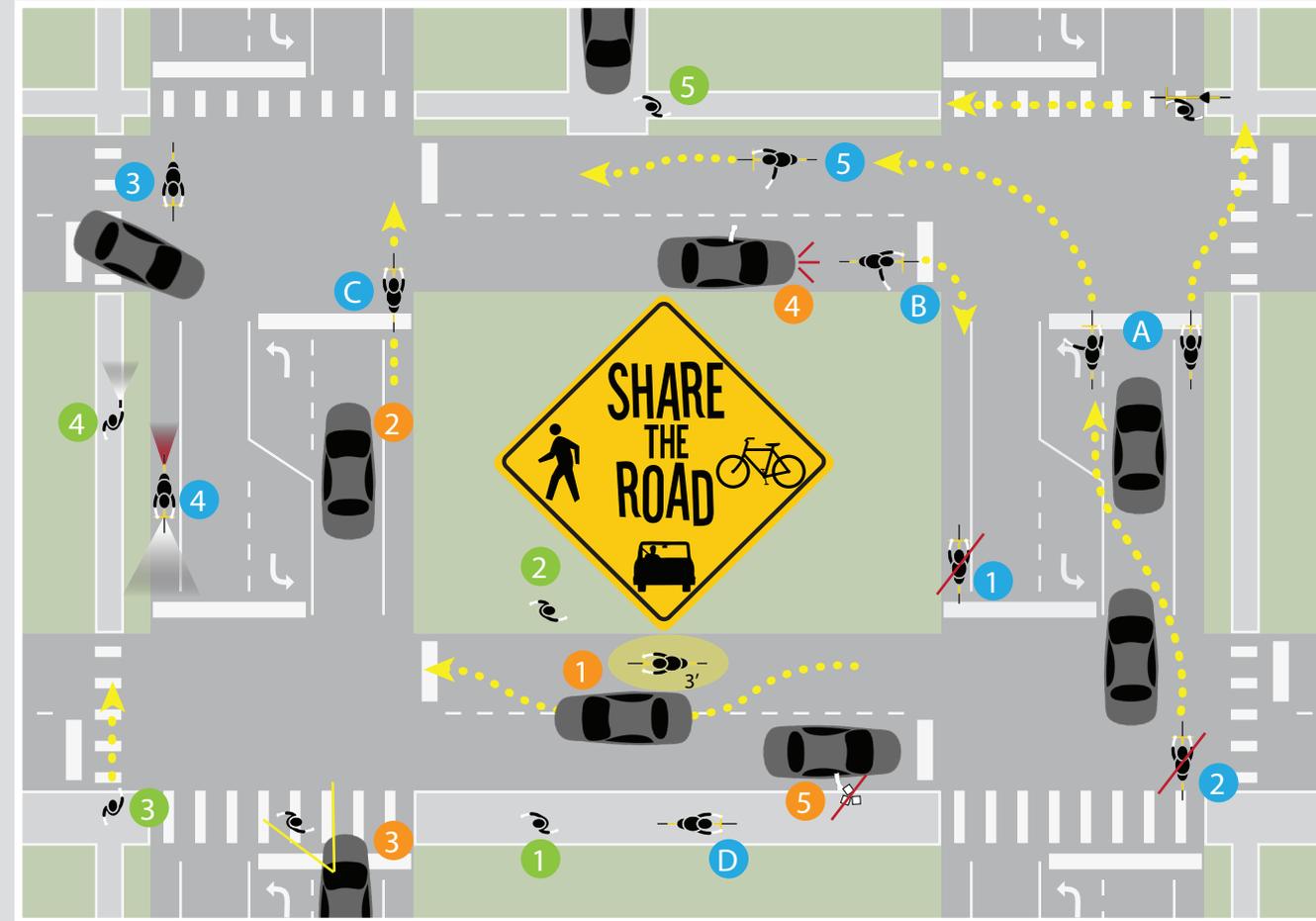
Don't Cross
Traffic is resuming, do not cross

BIKE RIGHT

- 1 Ride with Traffic:** It is more difficult for a motorist to see a bicyclist riding against traffic than with traffic. Riding with traffic will also give the bicyclist and motorist more time to react.
- 2 Follow the Rules of the Road:** Bicyclists must obey all traffic laws, just like a motorist. Follow all signs and signals and ride in a straight line. Don't weave in and out of traffic or parked cars.
- 3 Be Alert:** It is your responsibility to pay attention to your surroundings. It is important to pay particular attention at intersections. Using cellphones and wearing headphones while riding can be a distraction.
- 4 Stay Visible and Ride Safe:** If drivers can see you, the risk of a crash can be reduced. At night and in low-light conditions, use a front and rear light. Always wear a helmet and light-colored or reflective clothing when riding. The helmet should be flat on the head, not tilted back at an angle, and secured with the straps.
- 5 Share the Lane:** Slower traffic must drive on the right side of the road; they do not need to ride on the shoulder. Be sure to allow yourself space to maneuver away from traffic. There are times when a cyclist needs to "take the lane." First look back to make sure you are clear, signal, and move into the center of the lane.

DRIVE WISE

- 1 Pass With Care:** Slow down and give bicycles at least three feet of clearance when passing. If there isn't room, be patient and wait until it's safe to pass.
- 2 Drive Cautiously:** Give bicyclists adequate space and allow them to safely maneuver in the roadway.
- 3 Expect the Unexpected:** Bicyclist and pedestrians can come out of anywhere especially at intersections.
- 4 Respect all Users:** Respect bicyclists and their rights on the road. Honking your horn or yelling at bicyclist could startle them and cause an accident. Yield to them turning at intersections and do not cut them off.
- 5 Keep it Clean:** Litter, glass and other trash creates hazards for bicyclists and pedestrians. Keep our streets and sidewalks clean.



WALK LEFT

- 1 Walk on the Sidewalk:** Where provided, use sidewalks or trails. When on a trail, walk on the right side to allow bicycles and other pedestrians to pass.
- 2 Walk Facing Traffic:** If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic and along the outside edge of the road. A driver and a pedestrian who face each other are generally more aware of each other and crash risk is reduced.
- 3 Use Crosswalks:** Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections, if possible. Pedestrians have the right-of-way in crosswalks; however, always look both ways before crossing.
- 4 Be Visible:** Wear light colored clothing and reflective materials to make yourself more visible. Carry a flashlight when walking at night.
- 5 Pay Attention:** Have extra precaution at intersections and approaching driveways. Drivers may not see you approaching.