

When both bicyclists and motorists are safe and considerate, it's easy to Share the Road!



BICYCLISTS

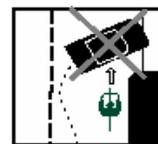
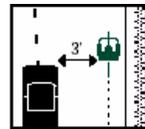
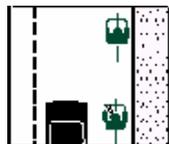
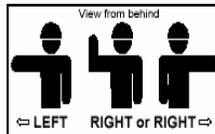
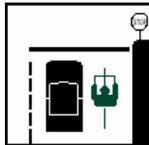
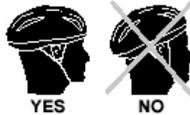
Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists. As road users, bicyclists must be predictable and obey all traffic laws. When you as a bicyclist fail to obey the law, you lose the support of drivers. Remember "Same Roads, Same Rules, Same Rights."

MOTORISTS

Driving on roads requires care and courtesy. Motorists must respect the rights of other road users, including bicyclists. Bicyclists fare best when they act, and are treated as, equals to vehicles. Do your part by being a safe and courteous driver.

TIPS FOR BICYCLISTS

- Always wear a properly-fitted helmet. No matter how safely you ride, crashes can still happen.
- Obey all traffic laws, stop signs, traffic lights, and other traffic controls.
- Ride on the right side of the road with traffic.
- Follow lane markings, do not turn left from the right lane, and do not ride straight through a right turn-only lane.
- Always use hand signals to draw the driver's attention.
- Do not ride in a driver's blind spot.
- Ride single file in traffic except when passing others.
- Be visible and predictable. Do not jump back and forth from the sidewalk and the roadway and do not weave in and out of parked/stopped cars.
- Always use lights when riding at night. Utah Law requires a headlight and red taillight visible from 500 feet.



TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

- Slow down when passing bicyclists.
- Give at least 3 feet of passing space between the right side of your vehicle and a bicyclist.
- Recognize situations that could be dangerous for bicyclists, like potholes, debris and drain grates. Give bicyclists enough room to maneuver around trouble spots.
- Do not pass a bicyclist on a narrow two-lane road when oncoming traffic is near.
- Do not blast your horn when approaching a bicyclist - you could startle the rider and cause a crash.
- Do not pass a bicyclist if you'll be making a right turn in front of them.
- When turning left at an intersection, yield to oncoming bicyclists just as you would oncoming cars.
- Children can be unpredictable. Expect the unexpected.



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