

# **FOR** Cyclists:

- /// Wear a helmet. It can help save your life.
- /// As a vehicle, you have the same rights and responsibilities as a motorist. Obey all traffic signals, signs and lane markings.
- /// Ride on the right side of the road with the flow of traffic – never against it.
- /// Pass slower moving or stopped vehicles on the left.
- /// Ride predictably and defensively. Use hand signals before turning.
- /// Stay visible, and use lights, reflectors and bright clothing when riding at night.
- /// Make eye contact with motorists and pedestrians before crossing paths with them.
- /// Always yield to pedestrians, even when turning, and especially at a “right turn on red” intersection.
- /// Avoid cycling on sidewalks.

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# Drivers, Pedestrians, Cyclists

**LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER!**

**TIPS TO STAY SAFE**

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**FOR**  
**Drivers:**

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**Pedestrians:**

- /// Stop or yield to pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections – it’s the law. (Laws vary by jurisdiction.)
- /// Don’t block crosswalks when stopping at intersections.
- /// Slow down and obey the posted speed limit.
- /// Take extra care around schools, playgrounds and neighborhoods. Pedestrians are hit every 7 minutes each day.
- /// Always look out for pedestrians, especially before turning at a green light or making a “right turn on red.”
- /// Obey speed limits, signs, signals and markings – and never run red lights.
- /// Be careful when passing stopped vehicles. They might be stopping for pedestrians.
- /// Allow 3 feet when passing bicyclists.
- /// Share the road. It’s your responsibility to look out for others.

- /// Cross the street at marked crosswalks and intersections whenever possible.
- /// Stop and look every time before crossing streets, even when you have the right-of-way, and especially at intersections with “right turn on red.”
- /// Before crossing, look left, right, then left again, and over your shoulder for turning vehicles.
- /// Begin crossing the street on “Walk” signals - never on a solid or flashing “Don’t Walk.”
- /// Use pedestrian pushbuttons to activate/extend the walk signal.
- /// Use sidewalks. If none, walk facing traffic so you see vehicles, and drivers see you.
- /// Make eye contact with drivers so they see you. Never assume they do.
- /// Stay visible after dark and in bad weather with light-colored or retroreflective clothing.

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