

BIKE SAFETY FOR CYCLISTS

In Florida bicyclists have the same rights and duties as motorists. For a complete list of Florida bike laws, visit cityoforlando.net/transportation.

RIDE ON THE RIGHT

- Always ride in the same direction as traffic
- Ride as far to the right as practicable

FOLLOW TRAFFIC LAWS

- Obey all traffic control devices such as stop signs and signals; don't run the red light
- Signal when turning

WEAR A PROPER FITTING HELMET

- Children below the age of 16 are required by Florida law to wear a helmet
- Make sure the helmet fits properly on top of the head, not tipped back
- Replace your helmet after any crash or impact

RIDE PREDICTABLY

- Ride in a straight line and do not swerve between parked cars
- Check for traffic before entering any street or intersection
- Give an audible warning to pedestrians before approaching from behind, always ride slowly if on the sidewalk and yield to pedestrians.

BE VISIBLE

- Wear brightly colored clothing
- At night, Florida law requires cyclists to use a white front light and a red rear light
- Make eye contact with motorists

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BIKE SAFETY FOR MOTORISTS

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DRIVE CAUTIOUSLY

- Reduce speed when encountering cyclists
- Give cyclists extra trailing and passing room
- Sidewalks are for pedestrians; go slowly when exiting driveways

YIELD TO CYCLISTS

- Cyclists are vehicles and should be given the appropriate right of way
- Cyclists may take the entire lane

BE CONSIDERATE

- Scan for cyclists in traffic and at intersections, and watch for passing cyclists before opening a car door
- Do not blast your horn in close proximity to cyclists

PASS WITH CARE

- Florida Law requires 3 feet of passing room when overtaking a cyclist moving in the same direction
- Wait until traffic conditions allow you to pass safely
- Check over your shoulder after passing a cyclist before moving back to normal position

WATCH FOR CHILDREN

- Children on bicycles are often unpredictable - expect the unexpected and slow down

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