

Under Ohio law, bicycles belong on the roadway. So, motorists and bicyclists must share the road safely. Bicyclists, like motorists, must obey all relevant traffic laws.

Check your local ordinances for bicycle laws specific to your community.



**Share
the Road**

For more information on Ohio's Bicycle Laws, view the Ohio Department of Transportation's Cycling Smarter Guide on their website at: www.dot.state.oh.us.

Tip Card



Tips for Bicyclists

- » **Obey all traffic laws**, including stopping for red lights and stop signs.
- » Ride **with** traffic.
- » Try to make **eye contact** with motorists in your path.
- » Keep **your eyes and mind on the road**.
- » **Wear a properly fitting helmet**, even on the shortest of rides.
- » **Ride in the street**. In most localities, only young children are permitted to ride on sidewalks.
- » **Keep your bike in working order**, especially your brakes and chain.
- » **Ride predictably**. Use proper hand signals for turning and stopping.
- » **Ride respectfully**, single file or no more than two along side each other.
- » **Ride outside the “door zone.”** When pedaling past parked cars, look at the driver’s-side mirrors. If you see someone, assume the door is about to open, and slow down.
- » **Be visible**, wear bright clothing.
- » **Use a bicycle headlight and taillight at night**, as well as in rainy or other bad weather.

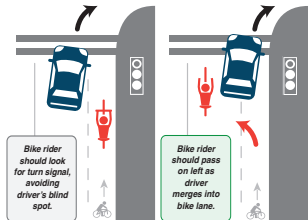
Hand Signals



Right Turns in Bike Lanes

Wrong

Correct



By law, adult bicyclists belong on the road, not on the sidewalk. While the law tells bicyclists to normally ride to the far right, they may lawfully use a full lane.*

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