

There are laws about the rights of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists, but there are also duties and responsibilities.

Motorists must yield to pedestrians, but pedestrians must also be alert to the actions of motorists.

Under Ohio law, bicycles belong on the roadway. So, motorists and bicyclists must share the road safely.



Share the Road

Tip Card



Tips for People Biking

- » **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 side by side.
- » **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.

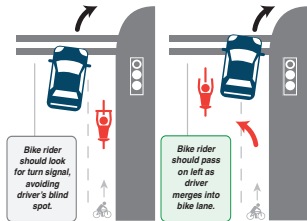
Hand Signals



Right Turns and 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.
(ORC 4511.07)

Tips for People Walking

- » **Pay attention** when walking on area roadways.
- » **Obey all traffic laws**, signs and signals.
- » **Walk on sidewalks.** If there are none, walk along the side of the road, **facing traffic**.
- » **Cross streets in crosswalks** and at marked intersections.
- » **Watch for cars** when crossing streets and driveways - check for cars turning and backing.
- » Cars, trucks, and other vehicles can't always see you. **Make eye contact with the driver** before crossing the street.
- » **Be visible.** Wear bright or reflective clothing and carry a flashlight when walking at night.
- » **Always look both ways** when crossing the street.
- » **Allow space and time** for cars and bikes to stop.
- » **Be smart!** The roads are for everyone, but you need to plan for your own safety. Do not rely on others to yield or to see you.

Crosswalk Right-of-Way



Important Rules to remember:

1. A blind person carrying a cane, or using a guide dog, has the right of way when crossing the street. (ORC 4511.47)
2. People crossing in a crosswalk have the right of way. If a traffic signal is present, only cross when the signal is green. If a pedestrian signal is present, only cross when the "WALK" signal is lit. (ORC 4511.14)
3. A motorist must yield the right of way to people crossing at an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection. (ORC 4511.48)

Tips for People Driving

- » **Pay attention!** Expect bikes on the road and pedestrians in crosswalks.
- » **Obey all traffic laws,** signs, and signals.
- » **Wait until it is safe to pass.** Allow at least 3 feet between you and bicyclists.
- » **Use your mirrors.** Look for approaching bicyclists before opening car doors.
- » **Keep your eyes on the road.** Pedestrians may appear suddenly, especially children.
- » **Watch for and yield to bicyclists and pedestrians,** especially when pulling out of a driveway.
- » **When making left turns, yield to** oncoming bikes and pedestrians in crosswalks.
- » **Before making right turns, check** for approaching bikes and people in crosswalks.
- » **Look in all directions** for bicyclists and pedestrians. Signal your movements to alert others using the road.

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