



## MISCELLANEOUS CYCLING TIPS

# ANTICIPATING MOTORIST ERRORS

### Left turn

- Motorists often misjudge the speed of oncoming cyclists and turn into them
- Make eye contact when approaching a motorist positioned for a left turn ahead of you
- Maintain a straight line unless you need to execute a instant turn or quick stop

### Right turn

- Right turning motorists may turn just after overtaking a cyclist; avoid blind spots
- Be aware of overtaking motorists in high traffic situations with constant scanning
- Watch the front wheel of the car or look for a signal and avoid them as they turn

### Crossing

- Motorists may not recognize a cyclist's right to the road and pull out in front of them
- Do not ride so far to the right that you are not in the motorist's normal scanning area
- Announce your presence loudly to try and get a motorist's attention before they move

### Prevention

- Always wear bright clothing to make yourself more visible day and night
- Learn to recognize when motorists will turn and when they will wait
- Ride predictably where you will be seen and always wear a helmet just in case

### Assert yourself

- Plan to take your right of way but be prepared to act to avoid collision
- Use hand signals, a bell, your voice, lights, anything to get the attention of motorists
- Always be aware of a safe way out of danger whether you expect to use it or not

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