



RULES OF THE ROAD

HOW TO RIDE IN BIKE LANES

Safety considerations

- Bikes are not required to travel in bike lanes when preparing for turns
- Never ride within three feet of parked cars; beware of the door zone
- Avoid bike lanes that you think are poorly designed or unsafe; alert your local government

Intersections

- Avoid riding in lanes that position you on the right side of a right turn lane
- Always signal as you move out of a bike lane into another traffic lane

Debris

- Report obstructions and poor maintenance to your local government
- Avoid riding immediately adjacent to curbs where trash collects
- If debris forces you out of the bike lane, signal your move out into traffic

Parked cars

- Never ride within three feet of parked cars
- Watch for brake lights, front wheels, signals and driver movements
- Position yourself in the field of vision of a motorist pulling out of a parking space

Right turns

- Ride in the rightmost lane that goes in the direction that you are travelling
- Avoid riding in lanes that position you on the right side of a right turning motorist
- Move out of the right turn lane if you are not turning right

Left turns

- Move out of the bike lane well in advance of the intersection; signal every move
- Position yourself in the rightmost left-turning lane
- Reposition yourself after executing the turn; remain clear of parked cars

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