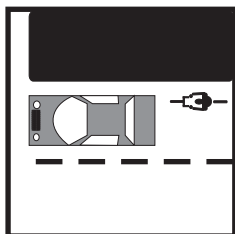


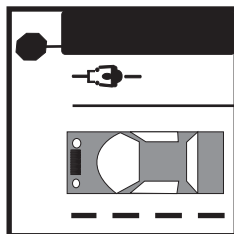
Bicycle Safety Information

Obey Traffic Signs, Signals and Laws

Bicyclists must obey all the rules that apply to the driver of a motor vehicle if they are to be taken seriously by motorists.



(narrow traffic lane)



(with bike lane)

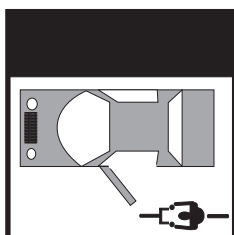
Obey Applicable Lane Rules

Ride with traffic flow and as far right as practical. Use bike lane if available. Ride to right-most portion of road when wide enough to share with cars. When lane is too narrow to share safely, ride further out in traffic lane.



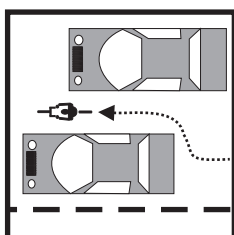
Use Lights at Night

The law requires a white headlight (visible for at least 500 feet ahead), and rear reflector or taillight (visible at least 600 feet from behind). Nearly 60 percent of all fatal bicycle accidents occur during twilight and night hours.



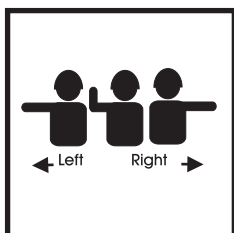
Watch for Opening Car Doors

Whenever possible, ride about a car door's width away from parked cars.



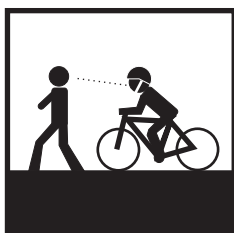
Never Weave Between Cars

Ride in a straight line and avoid weaving between parked cars. Motorists may not see you when you re-enter traffic flow.



Use Hand Signals

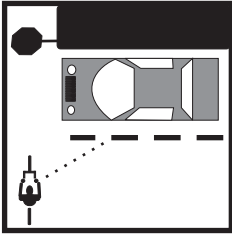
Hand signals tell motorists and pedestrians what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, of courtesy, and of self-protection.



Ride Slowly on Sidewalks

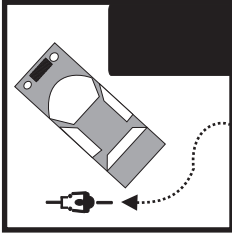
On sidewalks, pedestrians have the right-of-way. You must give them an audible warning when you pass (voice, bell, or horn). Do not cross driveways or intersections without looking carefully for traffic. Yield to traffic when entering roadways.

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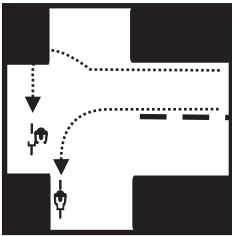
Scan the Road Around You

Watch constantly for cars, people, debris, grates, etc. Make eye contact with drivers. Assume they don't see you until they stop. Learn to look over your shoulder without losing your balance or swerving left. Some bicyclists use rear view mirrors.



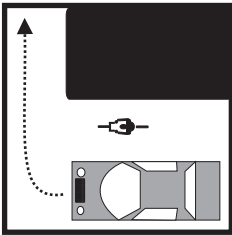
Follow Lane Markings

Do not turn left from the right lane. Do not go straight in a lane marked right-turn only.



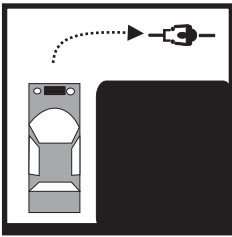
Choose the Best Way To Turn Left

There are two ways to make a left turn: **1.** As in driving, move into the left lane and turn left. **2.** Like a pedestrian, ride straight to the far side crosswalk, and walk your bike across. Always use hand signals.



Do Not Pass on the Right

Do not overtake an automobile when approaching an intersection or when the automobile has a turn signal flashing.



Never Ride Against Traffic

Motorists do not look for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. In Florida the bicycle is legally defined as a vehicle. Bicyclists must obey the same traffic laws as operators of other vehicles.



Observe Skill Level of Off-Road Trails

Off-road trail systems vary in levels of difficulty. Choose a trail system fit for your personal skill level. Park brochures are usually available on the trail network. To prevent injury, always wear a helmet while riding off-road.



Always Wear a Helmet

Nearly 75 percent of all bicycle-related deaths result from head injuries. Wearing a helmet is optional for persons 16 years or older, but Florida law requires a bicycle rider or passenger under 16 to wear a bicycle helmet meeting specific safety standards.

Remember, Most Bicycle Accidents Are Caused By

1. Running stop signs and red lights.
2. Riding at night without lights.
3. Riding on the wrong side of the road.