AVOID DISTRACTIONS AND UNSAFE BEHAVIORS WHILE RIDING



Both motorists and bicyclists have an equal right to the road.





Do not use a mobile device



Keep both hands free and do not carry items



Do not use headphones or earbuds



Always ride sober



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RIDE NO MORE THAN TWO ABREAST WHEN RIDING ON THE ROAD

Bicyclists riding side by side are not impeding traffic.

ALWAYS OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNALS, SIGNS, AND LANE MARKINGS

Use hand signals when turning, changing lanes, passing, and stopping (see the information to the right).

LIGHT IT UP AFTER DARK

If riding after dark, bikes must be equipped with a lamp on the front that emits a white light and a red reflector on the rear.

RIDE WITH TRAFFIC

Bicyclists must ride with traffic, on the right-hand side of the road, unless passing, turning left, the roadway is unsafe, going straight when traffic is turning right, or when on a one-way street.



TIPS

PROTECT YOUR HEAD, WEAR A HELMET

Make sure it fits correctly and meets U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission standards. Look for the certification label inside the helmet.

STAY ALERT, AVOID ROAD HAZARDS

Watch for potholes, cracks, railroad tracks, drainage grates, and obstacles in your path.

STAND OUT, BE SEEN

Wear reflective clothing or high-visibility colors that contrast the environment you're riding in.

CHECK YOUR BIKE

Be sure your brakes work and tires are properly inflated.

ALWAYS USE HAND SIGNALS

to tell drivers and other bicyclists what you intend to do.

>> Left turn: Left hand and arm extended straight



>> Right turn: Left hand and arm extended upward



OR

>> Right hand and arm extended straight



>> Stopping or slowing down: Left hand and arm extended down

