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## Motorists - Drive Safer

**Bicycles Are Vehicles Too:** The law says bicycles are vehicles and should ride in the travel lane, going with traffic.

**Bicycles Reduce Traffic:** Sometimes it might seem like bicyclists are slowing you down. But remember, every person on a bicycle is one less car on the road.

**Keep Your Distance:** Stay a *minimum* of 3 feet away from bicyclists when passing- *it's the law*.

**No Sudden Moves:** Abrupt turns can cause crashes. Always look for bicyclists and use your turn signals.

**Look Before You Leap (Out):** Look behind you for approaching bicycles before opening a car door when parking on the street.

**The Truth About Bike Lanes:** While cars must stay out of bike lanes, bicyclists do not have to stay in the bike lane. Bicycles are allowed on the street or bicycle lane.

**Think Before You Honk:** Honking can startle a cyclist and cause a crash. So only honk when absolutely necessary.

**Be Patient At Blind Spots:** Be patient when passing a cyclist on curves and hills where you cannot see on-coming traffic. One bad choice can equal many bad consequences.

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## Bicyclists - Ride Smarter

**Give Yourself Some Space:** You've got a legal right to the road, so use it; take the full lane *but only* when needed, stay away from car doors, and don't squeeze between lanes. Two cyclists can ride side-by-side, but should get into single file if cars can't pass safely.

**Go With The Flow:** Ride in the same direction as vehicle traffic and ride as straight as you can. Don't ride against the flow of traffic.

**Take A Break:** Stopping at red lights and stop signs is the law, and sets a good example for everyone else on the road.

**Light Up The Night:** Lights help you see where you're going, but it's more about everyone else seeing you. A front white light & rear red reflector and/or red light are required by law when riding at night.

**Stick to the Road:** Sidewalks are for pedestrians. In many places, it is against the law to ride on sidewalks.

**Get Some Head Insurance:** Wear your helmet - your brain is your most important piece of safety equipment.

**Share the Road:** Yield to pedestrians.

**Do the Wave:** Be friendly to others. Use hand signals to indicate when merging, passing or slowing.

**Sound Off:** When passing a fellow cyclist give a 'heads up' and let them know you're "*passing left!*".