

Rules of the Road: Motorists

Courtesy of League of American Cyclists

Yield to cyclists

- Cyclists are considered vehicles and should be given the appropriate right of way
- Cyclists may take the entire lane when hazards, road width or traffic speed dictate
- Motorists should allow extra time for cyclists to traverse intersections

Drive cautiously

- Reduce speed when encountering cyclists
- In inclement weather, give cyclists extra trailing and passing room
- Recognize situations that may be potentially dangerous to cyclists and give them space

Be considerate

- Scan for cyclists in traffic and at intersections
- Do not blast your horn in close proximity to cyclists
- Look for cyclists when opening doors

Pass with care

- Leave at least three feet of space between your car and a cyclist when passing
- Wait until road and traffic conditions allow you to safely pass
- Check over your shoulder after passing a cyclist before moving back to normal position

Watch for children

- Children on bicycles are often unpredictable - expect the unexpected and slow down
- Most children don't have adequate knowledge of traffic laws
- Children are harder to see because they are typically smaller than adults