

The Rights and Responsibilities for All Modes



✓ Pedestrians have the right to:

- Cross in crosswalks safely where crosswalks are marked
- Walk along roadways and highways when no sidewalks are present. Pedestrians should exercise caution and walk as near as practicable to an outside edge of the roadway and, if on a two way roadway, shall walk only on the left side of the roadway.
- The right of way when walking on a sidewalk. The driver of a vehicle crossing a sidewalk shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian and all other traffic on the sidewalk.

✓ Bicyclists have the right to:

- All rights applicable to the driver of a vehicle
- Ride in bicycle lanes without obstruction
- Ride on the roadway when there is also an adjacent recreational bicycle path available even if there is not bicycle lane in the roadway.
- Ride in a lane other than the right-hand lane if only one lane is available that permits the bicyclists to continue on his/her intended route
- Ride in the middle of the lane in slower traffic

✓ Motorists have the right to:

- Operate vehicles in a travel environment that is safe and predictable

✓ Pedestrians have the responsibility to:

- Walk on sidewalks; and when sidewalks are not available, walk on the left-shoulder of the road facing traffic flow. Yield the right of way to vehicles when no sidewalks are present.
- Cross roads and intersections where crosswalks are marked
- Cross roads at a 90 degree angle
- Look for traffic before crossing. Stopping at the curb helps to signal to drivers that you intend to cross

- Yield to vehicles when crossing roads where no marked crosswalks are present
- Yield the right of way to emergency vehicles regardless of circumstances
- Be seen – stay out of driver's blind spots and wear bright colors or reflective clothing at night
- Supervise children playing near streets
- Obey all traffic signals and devices
- Avoid freeways. Pedestrians are prohibited from occupying space along a freeway. Violations will result in legal action

✓ Bicyclists have the responsibility to:

- To communicate turning intentions using hand signals
- Carry all required safety equipment including bells, brakes, rear reflectors and front lamps if riding after dark
- Ride in bicycle lanes when provided unless it is necessary to ride outside of the lane to pass another bicyclist
- Ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable when bike lanes are not present
- Bicyclists riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles
- Keep at least one hand on the handle bars at all times

✓ Motorists have the responsibility to:

- Yield to pedestrians crossing within a crosswalk
- Stop for any pedestrian led by a dog or raising a cane
- Maintain a safe operating distance between the motor vehicle and a bicycle
- Yield to bicycles in bicycle lanes when making turns the cross over the bicycle lanes
- Exercise due care to avoid collisions

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