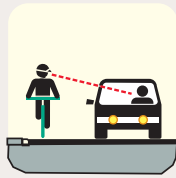


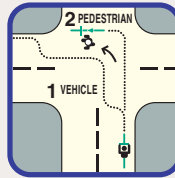
SAFETY TIPS

On-Street Biking - Share the Road



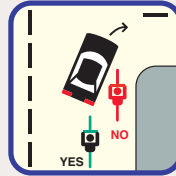
Make Eye Contact

Confirm that you are seen. Establish eye contact with motorists to insure that they know you are on the road. Look over your shoulder regularly or use a mirror to scan the road behind. Although bicycles have equal right to the road, be prepared to maneuver for safety.



Turning Left - 2 Options

1. AS A VEHICLE: Signal your intentions in advance. Move to the left turning lane, and complete the turn when it is safe.
2. AS A PEDESTRIAN: Ride to the far crosswalk & walk.



Be Careful at Intersections

Most accidents happen at intersections. Proceed with care. Avoid being in a turn-only lane if you want to go straight through an intersection. In narrow lanes or slow traffic, it may be safer to take the whole lane.



Beware of Car Doors

Be wary of parked cars. Motorists can unexpectedly open doors. Be particularly careful if you see a motorist in the car. Ride in a straight line at least three feet away from parked cars.



Use Hand Signals

Signal all turns and stops ahead of time. Look over your shoulder for any traffic, then make your intended move only when it is safe to do so.



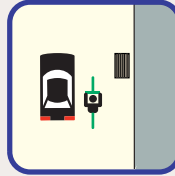
Lock Your Bike

Lock the frame and rear wheel of your bike to a bicycle rack. If you have a quick release, lock the front wheel also. Do not lock your bike to trees.



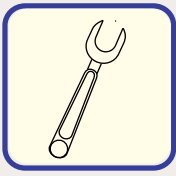
Keep both hands ready to brake

You may not stop in time if you brake one-handed. Allow extra distance for stopping in the rain, since brakes are less efficient when wet.



Avoid road hazards

Watch out for parallel-slat sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, potholes and construction plates. Cross railroad tracks carefully.



Keep your bike in good repair

Maintain your bike in good working condition. Check brakes regularly and keep tires properly inflated.

Additional Tips for Multi-Use Paths



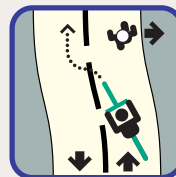
Right-of-Way

Cyclists and In-line skaters must yield to pedestrians. Pedestrians always have the right-of way.



Signal to Others

Cyclists: sound your bell or call out a warning when approaching others, then pass safely on the left. Skaters: Follow travel rules as per bicyclists. Do not perform trick-skating maneuvers on heavily used paths.



Keep to the Right

All path users must keep to the right except when passing or turning left. Pedestrians: move to the right when someone is passing. Move off the path when stopping. Never block the path.



Stay on the Path

Ride only on designated paths to protect parks, natural areas and yourself. Riding off a designated pathway is dangerous and prohibited in NYC Parks.



Use Designated Path

Where designated, cyclists and skaters must ride on the specified path. Don't ride on a pedestrian path. Look both ways at crossings. Cyclists: yield to through traffic at intersections; pedestrians have the right of way. Pedestrians: exercise caution.

BIKE LAWS, SIGNS AND MARKINGS



Obey Traffic Signs and Signals

As vehicles, bicycles must obey all **NYC Traffic Rules**. Cyclists have the same rights, privileges and duties as other vehicular traffic.

For additional traffic laws regarding cycling see:

NY State Vehicle and Traffic Law

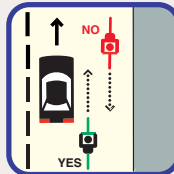
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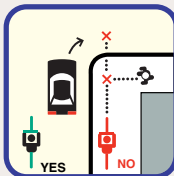
NYC Administrative Code 10-157; 19-176

and **Rules of the City of New York** for regulations in parks
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Never Ride Against Traffic

Motorists and pedestrians are not looking for bicyclists riding against traffic. It is illegal and dangerous. Ride with traffic to avoid accidents.



Stay Off Sidewalks

Bikes are not permitted on sidewalks unless bike wheels are less than **26 inches** in diameter **and** the rider is **13** years or younger, or signs allow.



Be Visible

Ensure your visibility at night by wearing light-toned clothing with reflective tape material. Outfit your bike with lights as you would for riding on the roads.

Bike Lane Signs



Regulatory Sign



Pavement Marking

Greenway Signs



The Signs for the City's Greenway System were developed by the Department of City Planning to provide a recognizable identity for the city-wide greenway system while guiding users safely along the routes.



SHARED LANE SIGNS & MARKINGS

New shared lane pavement markings and signs are being installed to make both cyclists and motorists aware that they have equal access to much of the City's roadways.

Cyclists should ride assertively and over the markings, which place cyclists outside of the "door zone" of parked cars. Motorists should be patient and pass bikes only with ample clearance and at a modest speed.



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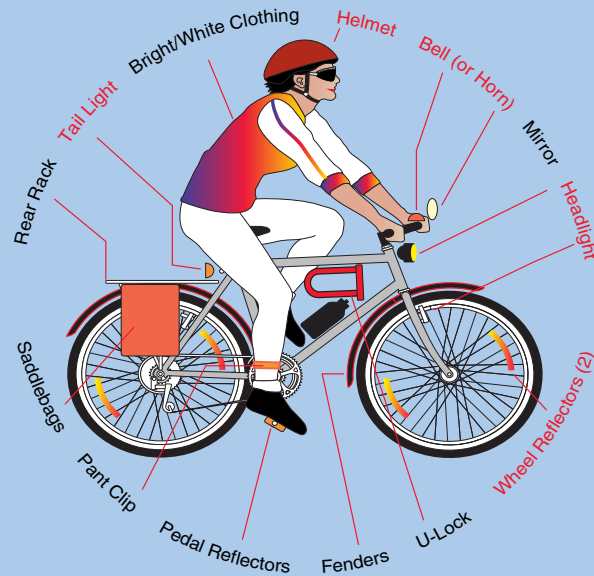


Pavement Marking

Street-Smart Cyclist



An approved bicycle helmet can greatly reduce the risk of death or permanent injury in the event of an accident. Look for the CPSC or Snell Memorial Foundation Standard stickers. Cyclists **under age 14 must** wear a helmet.



The following equipment is required by law: white headlight and red taillight from dusk to dawn, reflectors, working brakes, bell, helmet when under age 14.

Street-Smart Skater

In-line skating is an effective form of low impact aerobic exercise. Wear safety equipment, control your speed and yield to pedestrians. Racing or trick-skating has no place on paths, sidewalks or roadways.

