Bike and bus lane rules every taxi driver should know

**Bike Lanes: Rules and Enforcement**

New York’s streets are designed to ensure that everyone—drivers, pedestrians and cyclists—has a safe, appropriate place on the road.

- It is illegal to drive, park or stop in bike lanes or paths. ($115 fine)
- Yield to cyclists when turning.
- Leave a safe distance when passing cyclists.
- “Dooring” kills. Look for cyclists before opening your door.

**Bike Paths:**

A “floating” parking lane separates cyclists from moving cars. See inside for more information.

**Bike Lanes:**

Painted lines and striped buffers separate bicycle and vehicular traffic.

**Bike Routes:**

Painted bicycle symbols and chevrons indicate shared lanes.

**Bus Lanes: Rules and Enforcement**

Drivers must stay out of an active bus lane except to:

- Make the next available right turn or
- quickly drop off or pick up passengers

If you drive, park, or stand in a bus lane during hours of operation you face fines ranging from $115 to $150. The City enforces bus lanes with video cameras and increased police enforcement.

A curbside bus lane is a travel lane for buses at the curb. Parking and standing at the curb are not allowed during the hours the bus lane is in effect.

An offset bus lane is a travel lane for buses one lane away from the curb. This makes parking and standing at the curb still possible.

Para información en español, por favor visite www.nyc.gov/brt o llame al 311
On Streets with a Protected Bike Path:

**How do I drop off/pick up passengers?**
Stop in the floating parking lane to pick up or drop off passengers. Do not stop in the mixing zone or block the crosswalk.

**How can I turn across the bike path?**
Use a “mixing zone” to merge into a bike path and turn across it. Obey turn signal arrows if available.

**Where can I park?**
Park in the “floating” parking lane. This lane separates cyclists from moving vehicles.

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On Streets with a Bus Lane:

**Where do I make a right turn?**
Enter the bus lane safely toward the end of the block you are turning from.

**How do I pick up or drop off a passenger at the curb?**
Stop in a bus lane only for the time it takes a passenger to enter or exit the vehicle and get safely onto the sidewalk.

If possible, arrange your pick up or drop off where there isn’t a bus lane — across the street, or on the side street, for example.

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**Pickup/drop-off in the floating parking lane**

**Yield to cyclists when turning**

**Look for cyclists when crossing the bike path**

**Make a right turn from the curbside bus lane**

**Stop in a bus lane only to quickly pick up or drop off passengers at the curb**