

Commercial Bicyclist Safety



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This course is required by NYC law to be completed by every commercial bicyclist.

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Covered in this course:

Employer Responsibilities:

- 1 Provide equipment for you
- 2 Provide equipment for the bicycle you operate

Your Responsibilities:

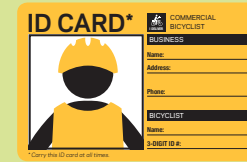
- 3 Obey traffic laws and rules
- 4 Practice safe riding habits

1 EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES: Required equipment for commercial bicyclists

Your employer must provide
you with the following:



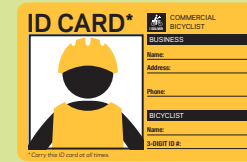
Joe's
001



A bicycle helmet in
good condition



Joe's
001

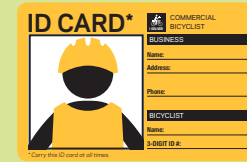


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A unique 3-digit
ID number



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Retroreflective upper body apparel with the business' name and your unique 3-digit ID number on the back in lettering at least 1 inch high.





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A business ID card to carry whenever you are riding on behalf of the business. It must include:

ID CARD*



 **COMMERCIAL BICYCLIST**

BUSINESS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

BICYCLIST

Name: _____

3-DIGIT ID #: _____

* Carry this ID card at all times.

- Business name, address and phone number
- Your name, photo and 3-digit ID number

2 EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES: Required equipment for commercial bicycles

Your employer must provide the following equipment for each commercial bicycle:



A bell or other device capable of giving an audible signal (not a siren or whistle)



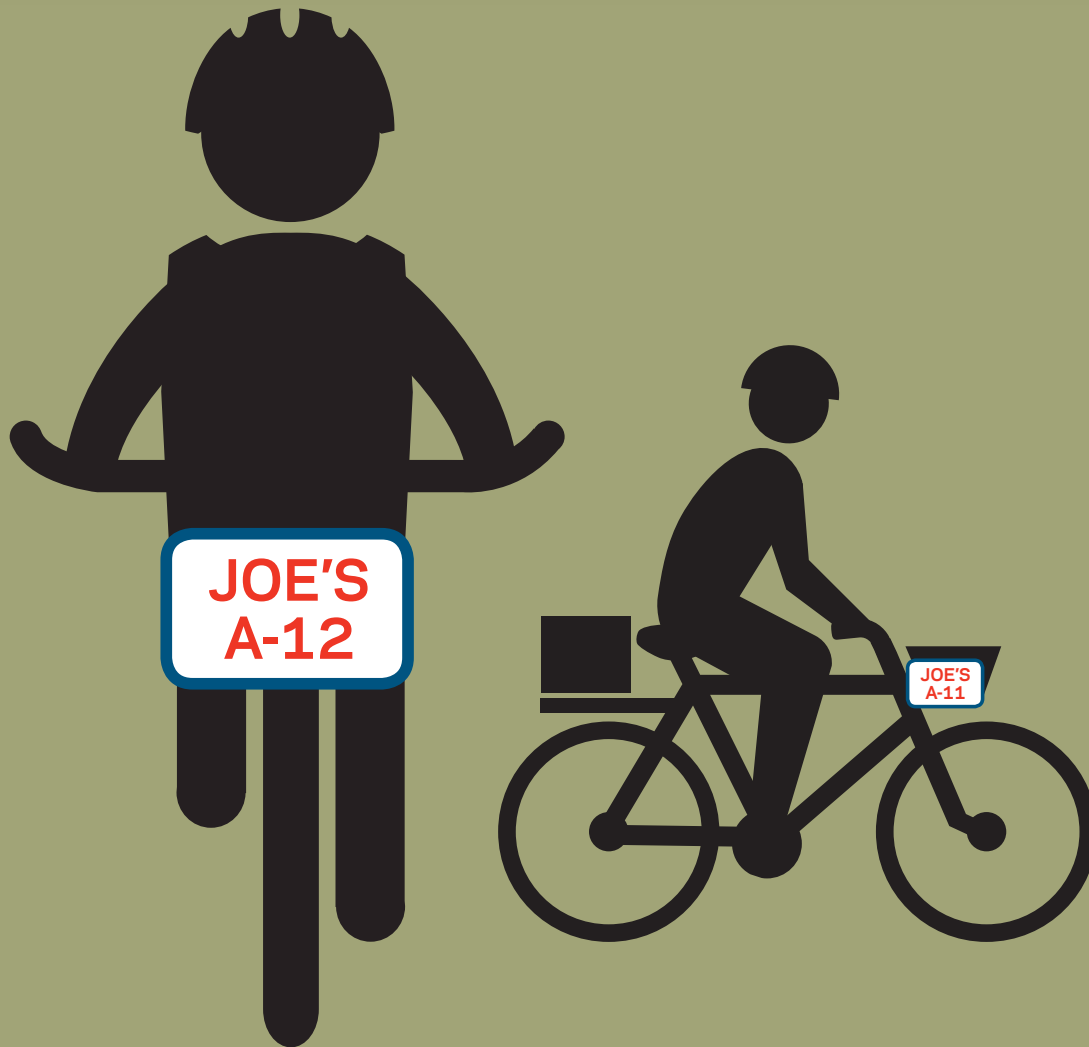
White headlight
and red taillight



Reflex Reflectors



Brakes



Metal or plastic sign in good condition at least 3 inches by 5 inches with the business' name and a unique bicycle ID number for each bicycle in lettering at least 1 inch high.

The sign must be affixed to the rear or both sides of the bicycle.

3 YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

Traffic Laws and Rules

You must obey all traffic laws and rules, including:



Yield to pedestrians



Ride in the direction
of traffic



Stop at all red lights
and stop signs



Stay off the sidewalk



Use a white
headlight and red
taillight at night



Wear a helmet



Use a bell to signal
presence



Do not wear more
than one earphone
while riding



Signal when turning



LEFT



RIGHT




STOP



When riding on behalf of the business, commercial bicyclists must carry an ID card and must operate a bicycle that has a bicycle ID sign.

ID CARD*



COMMERCIAL BICYCLIST

BUSINESS

Name: _____

Address: _____

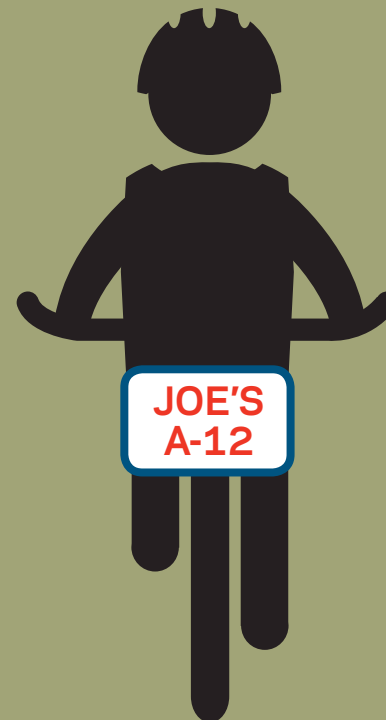
Phone: _____

BICYCLIST

Name: _____

3-DIGIT ID #: _____

* Carry this ID card at all times.



Failure to comply with any of these laws or rules may subject violators to legal sanctions.

4 YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES: Safe Riding Tips

Follow these tips for safe cycling:



Don't Ride Distracted
Talking on the phone
while riding is
dangerous and
distracting.



Be Extra Cautious In Bad Weather

It's more difficult to see the road and other road users in the rain and snow.

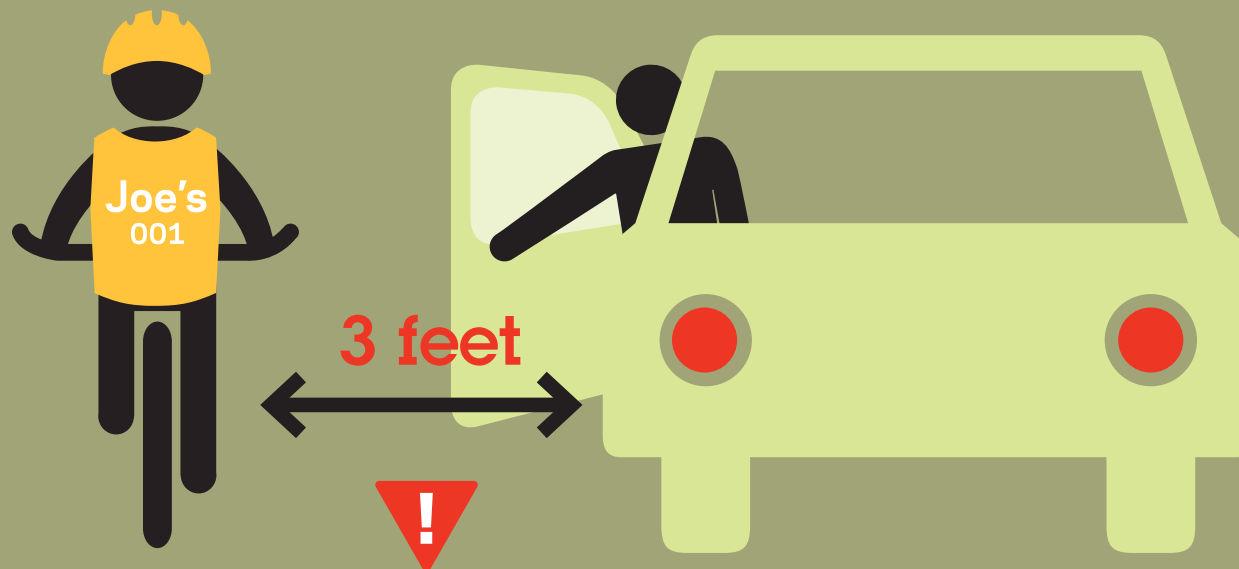
Look out for sewer grates, metal plates and utility access covers which become slippery when wet and covered with snow.

Turn on your lights to stay visible to pedestrians, cars and trucks.



Stay Alert For Car Doors Opening

Avoid getting “doored” by riding at least three feet away from parked cars.





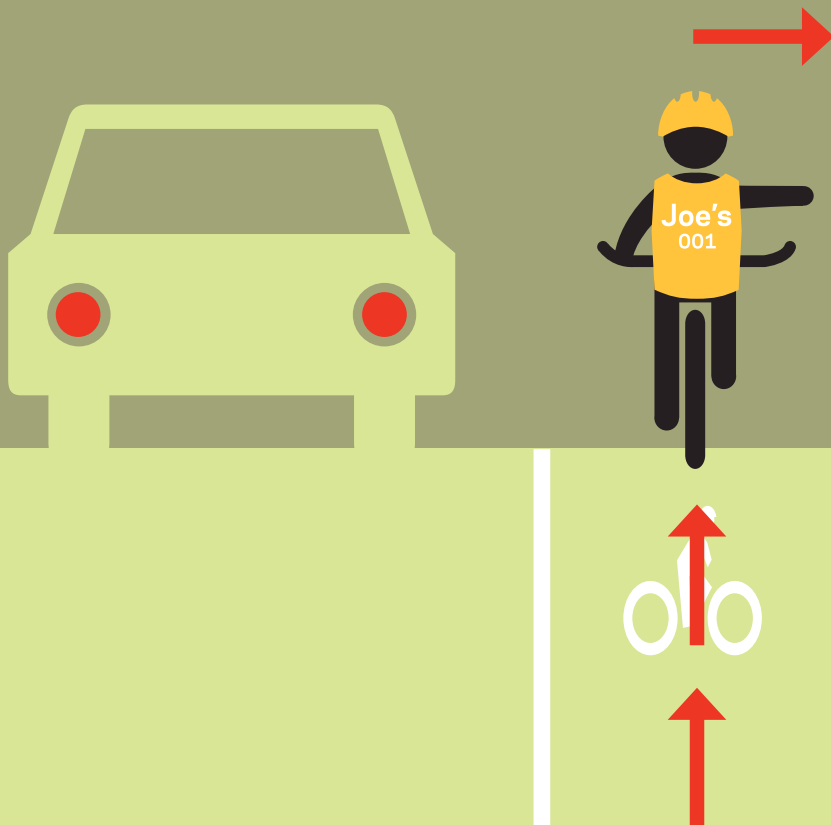
Avoid the Blind Spot
Trucks have very large
blind spots. Leave extra
room when riding near
them.





Be Predictable

Don't weave in and out of traffic. Don't change lanes abruptly and keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times.



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**You have now completed the required
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