Share the Road
Motorists and Cyclists
We’re all in this together.
Cyclists Belong

In ALL 50 states:
Cyclists = same rights + duties as Motorists!

Yield to cyclists as you would to a car
Cyclists allowed on road
(even if bike lanes & paths are present)
Bicycle Safety Video

Presented by the League of Illinois Bicyclists
www.bikelib.org

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Cyclists under 18 required to wear helmet.
The driver of a motor vehicle, when approaching a bicyclist traveling in the same direction, shall ensure the safety and protection of the bicyclist by:

a. Proceeding with caution and yielding the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the bicyclist, if possible, with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, if on a roadway having at least 4 lanes with not less than 2 lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle; or,

b. Proceeding with caution and reducing the speed of the vehicle to a safe speed and leaving a reasonable and prudent distance by providing a minimum of three feet of clearance while passing such bicyclist, if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe.
Delaware became the 19th State to enact a 3 Foot Law after it was signed by Governor Markell in July 2011. 20 States have this law.
Understanding Cyclists

The size of bicycles impacts perception!
Car vs. Bicycle

WEIGHT = 3,800 POUNDS

WEIGHT = 30 POUNDS
Car vs. Bicycle

PROTECTION:
- 3,800 POUNDS
- SEAT BELTS
- AIR BAGS
- CRUSH ZONES

SIZE = VISIBILITY

PROTECTION:
- 12 OUNCE PLASTIC HELMET
Bike-Riding Teen Injured In Delaware Car Crash

DELAWARE STATE POLICE say a 14-year-old was in critical condition after being hit while riding his bicycle on a road in Bear.

Police say Jason Westland was riding his bike Monday evening on the right shoulder of Sunset Lake Road, where he turned into the path of a car being driven by Celeste Ross of West Grove, Pa. Westland, who was thrown from his bike, was not wearing a helmet. He was taken by ambulance to Christiana Hospital. Ross was not injured in the collision.

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Cyclists are required to ride as far to the right as safe and feasible, but there are exceptions!

“Why won’t these guys move over?”
Understanding Cyclists

HAZARDS!
Understanding Cyclists
Cyclists are more vulnerable to road conditions!
Cyclists can have widely varying levels of experience and ability. Even more so than motorists!
Accommodating Cyclists

CAREFUL!

Remember, a cyclist is a moving vehicle, not a stationary object!

Expect to encounter cyclists!

Anticipate the cyclist’s actions. Scan ahead for dangerous situations.
Accommodating Cyclists

Be especially careful around children and inexperienced riders!

PLEASE!

THANK YOU!
Be especially careful at intersections and driveways to avoid cutting off a cyclist.
Share The Road Safely: Driver

Don’t pass until it’s safe! Leave at least 3 feet between you and the cyclist when passing.
(This is the law in many states)
When it doubt, wait.
Share The Road Safely: Driver

Blow Horn Only When Necessary!
Share the Road Safely: Cyclist

- Ride Predictably!
- Obey Rules of the Road!
- Be alert!
- Anticipate potential conflicts!
Share the Road Safely: Cyclist

Be Visible

Don’t obstruct your hearing! Use all of your senses!

Wear a Helmet!
Lessons for Life

Do:

• Leave a safe passing distance - at least 3 feet
• Reduce your speed
• Yield when turning
• Expect the unexpected
Don’t

• Open your car door without looking
• Honk your horn at cyclists
Motorist:
- Turning left in front of cyclist (left cross)
- Turning right in front of cyclist (right hook)
- Drive out into traffic mid-block
- Opening door into traffic
Cyclist:  
– Wrong side of road
Countermeasures

Left Cross

- Look for cyclists!
  - Far to the right
  - In the middle of the lane
  - On the sidewalk
- Look again!
- Slow down!
Countermeasures

Right Hook

- Slow down
- Merge into bike lanes before turning right
- Don’t try to beat cyclists
- Cyclists may be going faster than you think.
Countermeasures

Driving out mid-block

– Look for cyclists
  • Far to the right, close to parked cars
  • Approaching the wrong way on the street
  • Approaching the wrong way on the sidewalk
– When you see a gap in traffic LOOK AGAIN!
Opening a door into traffic

* Look for cyclists
  • In your mirror
  • Look over your shoulder
  • Cyclists are approaching faster than you think

* If you are parked next to a bike lane
  • Expect cyclists to be there
  • Your door may cover the entire bike lane.

Countermeasures
Even When Parked...

Don’t open door without looking
– Especially near a bike lane
• Be careful pulling out of a parking space
• Be especially careful backing from angle parking spots
For More Information

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Amy Wilburn, Chair
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<td>Slow down and let other traffic (through traffic) pass before going.</td>
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<td>Follow the same rules as other vehicles. The bicyclist must stop until the light turns green.</td>
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<td>A helmet should be worn by anyone who rides a bicycle.</td>
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<td>A bicycle is considered a vehicle on the road and must follow the same rules or laws as a car.</td>
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<td>Potholes, gravel, dogs, web leaves, storm grates, and opening car door may increase the bicyclist's risk of falling.</td>
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<td>So you are more visible to other vehicles, so you can see the road, because it is the law in most States.</td>
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<td>No. Bicyclists need to use their eyes and ears to look out for what other traffic is doing.</td>
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<td>No. Drinking alcohol affects safe judgment; a bicyclist who rides after drinking alcohol puts himself and others at risk of a crash.</td>
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<td>You can wear bright or fluorescent clothing. At night you should wear reflective materials and use flashing clip lights.</td>
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<td>A bicycle is a vehicle; bicyclists should ride in the same direction as traffic.</td>
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<td>You can buy a bike helmet at bike stores, at sporting goods stores like Dicks or Sports Authority, or at department stores like Wal-Mart, K-Mart, or Target.</td>
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<td>How can you help children be safer on bicycles?</td>
<td>Examples: Make sure they have a properly fitted helmet on and fastened every ride, go over the safety rules with them, supervise them at all times, don’t allow them to ride at nighttime.</td>
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