Delaware is a place with lots of activities and lots of folks out taking advantage of the many opportunities. Bus Operators can make a big difference in the safety of bicyclists by following a few simple guidelines:

- Give Space
- Be Patient
- Don’t Honk Your Horn
- Expect the Unexpected
- Look Twice When Turning
- Pre-Check Signals Every Day

Your help in making Delaware a safe place for bicycling is appreciated. Have an enjoyable ride!

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Bicyclists are trained to ride away from the curb’s edge to:

- Avoid drains and debris
- Be seen more easily
- Discourage bus drivers (or automobile drivers) from squeezing them to the curb
- Avoid road surfaces (potholes), rain, wind and poor visibility make it harder to steer in a straight line

**Keys to Coexistence**

There are five simple rules to keep in mind to coexist with bicyclists on the roadway. These rules will enable both you and the bicyclists to travel more safely and more effectively.

1. **Give Space**

Try to maintain at least 5 feet of separation between you and the bicyclist as you pass or ride alongside. Assume the next lane when passing - don’t try to share the lane.

2. **Be Patient**

Bicyclists can not start as quickly as a bus can. Typically a bicyclist will clear an intersection before moving over to yield to automobile traffic.

3. **Don’t Honk Your Horn**

Often drivers will honk their horn to let bicyclists know that they are passing. This can be an unexpected earful to a bicyclists and may cause erratic or unsafe riding.

4. **Expect the Unexpected**

Bicyclists are harder to see on the roadway than automobiles. Often a bicyclist has to react quickly to a car pulling out of a driveway or moving in front of them. Expect the unexpected and take steps to be prepared.

5. **Look Twice When Turning**

Intersections are difficult for all modes of travel and this holds true for bicyclists. Look twice to the side, in front and behind you to be sure that a bicyclist isn’t in an unsafe position before turning.

6. **Pre-Check Bus Every Day**

Bicyclists rely on reading bus signal lights to figure out when a bus is stopping or turning. Be sure to inspect brake lights and turn signals to insure they are working properly. Also, check mirrors to be sure that blind spots are minimized.