



## Motorists Share the Road with Cyclists

Cyclists are vehicle operators and have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists. When sharing the road with cyclists, be aware of their special needs and limitations. Bicycles are less visible and quieter than other road users and more vulnerable.

- Scan for cyclists on roadways and at intersections.
- When approaching cyclists, reduce your speed. Don't blast your horn—you could startle them and cause a crash.
- Recognize hazards cyclists may face during bad weather or when road conditions are poor and give them space.
- When following cyclists, don't tailgate and be prepared to stop quickly.
- When passing a bicycle, do so slowly leaving at least 3 feet of passing space between your vehicle and the cyclist. Check over your shoulder before returning to your lane.
- Watch for approaching cyclists before opening your vehicle doors.
- Children on bicycles are often unpredictable—expect the unexpected, and slow down.

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