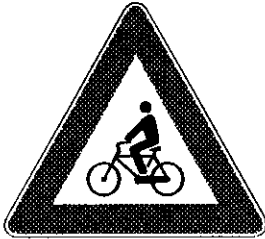


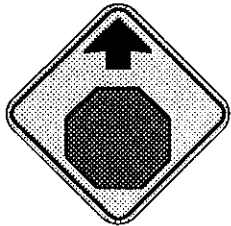
8. BICYCLISTS ENTERING MOTORIST LANE

Some roads have bike lanes along them. Cyclists are required to use these lanes, but may enter your lane in order to execute a left hand turn or avoid hazards in the lane.



9. USE CAUTION AT INTERSECTIONS

Be especially alert for cyclists approaching from the opposite direction. A motorist's unexpected turn into the cyclist's travel lane is a common cause of bike-motor vehicle accidents.



10. USE EYE CONTACT WITH BICYCLISTS

Motorists aren't accustomed to cyclists stopping to take their fair turn, but many more are doing so. Use eye contact to acknowledge their presence and yield to bicycles as you would a car.

Please Drive Safely!



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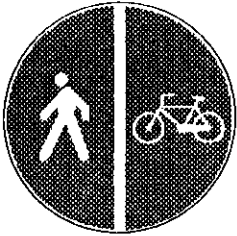
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Motorists have a responsibility to act in ways to make the roads safer for all users. Following are several points for the motorists to consider as they share the road with bicyclists:

1. MAKE SCANNING FOR CYCLISTS SECOND NATURE



As motorists, we're conditioned to watch for large obstacles. Although cyclists are no bigger than pedestrians, we need to expect them on the roadway.

2. DON'T ASSUME CYCLISTS SHOULD POSITION THEMSELVES ON THE ROAD AS FAR TO THE RIGHT AS POSSIBLE



Bicyclists are required to ride on the right side of the road with the flow of traffic. Smart cyclists plot a straight line down the roadway 3-4 feet from the curb or parked cars. This allows them space to avoid road hazards and to be more visible to motorists and pedestrians.

3. DON'T BLAST YOUR HORN WHEN APPROACHING BICYCLISTS

You could startle them and cause an accident. A gentle "toot" from several hundred feet back may be acceptable if the cyclist appears unaware of your approach.



4. ALLOW PLENTY OF SPACE WHEN PASSING A BIKE

Just as wind produced by a passing tractor-trailer can pull a car off course, so to can a passing car cause a cyclist to swerve out of control.

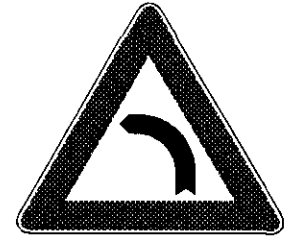
5. EXERCISE CARE WHEN PASSING A BICYCLIST

When passing by a cyclist, check over your shoulder to make sure you have allowed adequate distance before merging back in or attempting a right hand turn. Many experienced bicyclists can ride 20-25 mph and may be closer than you think.



6. DO CHANGE LANES TO PASS CYCLISTS IF MOTORIST CAN NOT SAFELY DO SO WHILE STAYING IN THE SAME LANE

New York State Law requires motorists to change lanes to pass cyclists if they can't safely do so while staying in the same lane. This means that on curving, narrow roads you should slow down and remain behind the cyclist until you can see far enough down the left-hand lane to pull out and clear the cyclist safely.



7. EXERCISE CAUTION ON NARROW ROADS

Be aware that when a road is too narrow for cars and bikes to ride safely side by side, bicyclists should ride in or near the center of the lane to discourage motorists from trying to pass.

