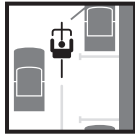
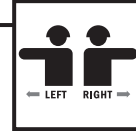


Obey all signs & traffic lights

Bicycles must be driven like other vehicles if they are to be taken seriously by motorists. Never ride against traffic.

Use hand signals

Hand signals tell motorists what you intend to do. For turn signals, point in the direction of your turn. Signal as a matter of courtesy and safety and as required by law.

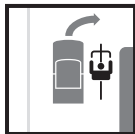
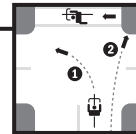


Ride consistently

Ride as close as practical to the right. Exceptions: when travelling at the normal speed of traffic, avoiding hazardous conditions, preparing to make a left turn, or using a one-way street.

Choose the best way to turn left

There are two ways to make a left turn: 1) Like an auto: look back, signal, move into the left lane, and turn left. 2) Like a pedestrian: ride straight to the far-side crosswalk, then walk your bike across, or queue up in the traffic lane.

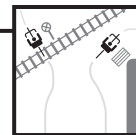


Use caution when passing

Motorists may not see you on their right, so be extra careful where there's no bike lane if you pass on the right side of cars. Watch for parked cars pulling out, unsignalled right turns and opening car doors. Make eye contact with drivers.

Avoid road hazards

Watch for sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, gravel and ice. Cross railroad tracks at right angles. For better control as you move across bumps and other hazards, stand up on your pedals.

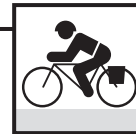


Ride a well-equipped bike

Outfit your bike with a good bike lock, tool kit, fenders, and bike bags. You are required to use a strong white head-light (visible from 500') and rear red reflector or light (visible from 600') at night and when visibility is poor.

Dress appropriately

Wear a Snell or ANSI approved hard-shell helmet whenever you ride (required by law for cyclists under 16 years of age). Wear light-colored clothes at night. Make yourself as visible as possible.



Get a green light

If you come to a red light and see this symbol on the street, position your bike directly over it. Wait, and soon the light will turn green! If a car is already there, it will activate the light for you.

Go slow on sidewalks

Pedestrians have the right of way on walkways. You must give an audible warning when you pass. Cross driveways and intersections at a walker's pace and look carefully for traffic. Cyclists are not allowed to ride on sidewalks in downtown Portland.

