



# BICYCLISTS KNOW YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS!



• Summary of Oregon Laws •



## Roads and Highways

- Cyclists may occupy an entire lane and ride up to two abreast if not impeding the “normal movement of traffic.” ORS 814.430(1) and (2)(e)
  - Cyclists riding at less than the normal speed of traffic must ride as far to the right as practicable (or the left on a one-way). ORS 814.430(1),(2)(a-d)
- EXCEPT:
- When passing;
  - When making a left turn;
  - When necessary to avoid hazards, or;
  - When the road is too narrow for a bicycle and another vehicle to travel safely side by side.



## Sidewalks

- Bikes may ride on sidewalks except where prohibited in urban core areas; 814.410 (2). Specific city laws at [www.tcnf.legal](http://www.tcnf.legal).



## Yield Laws

- **Bicyclists Must Yield:**
  - To pedestrians, AND give an audible warning when passing. ORS 814.410 (b)
  - To the vehicle approaching on the right in unmarked intersections. ORS 811.275(1)
- **Motorists Must Yield:**
  - To bicyclists in bike lanes, in crosswalks, and on sidewalks. ORS 811.050; 811.028; 811.055



## Passing

- Motorists passing at faster than 35mph must leave sufficient room to miss bicyclist if rider fell over into traffic lane; at lower speed motorist must provide “safe distance” when passing. ORS 811.065 (1) (a)(A)(B)



## Bike Lanes

- Bikes must use available bike lanes except when necessary to safely turn, pass, or avoid a hazard. ORS 814.420 (1), (3) (a)(b)(c)



## Speed

- Same legal requirements as other vehicles except no faster than “an ordinary walk” when approaching and entering a crosswalk, or approaching or crossing a driveway or curbscut if a motor vehicle is approaching. ORS 814.410 (1)(d)



## Lights

- Bicycle must show a white light to the front and a red reflector or light to the rear during “limited visibility conditions.” ORS 815.280 (2)(c)



## Signals

- Turns and stops require a hand signal for 100 feet beforehand unless “circumstances require that both hands be used to safely control the bicycle.” ORS 814.440



## Helmets

- Required by law for riders under 16 years of age. ORS 814.485

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