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.tcfn.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 35 mph 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 curbside 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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