





Salinas Bicycle Map

English and Spanish

Common Collision Situations

- Beware of vehicles that...*
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 ...pull out from stop signs across your route.
 
 - 
 ...pull out of alleyways or driveways.
 
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 ...make right turns in front of you.
 
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 ...open car doors.
 
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 ...come from the opposite direction to make a left turn.
 



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Road Rules for Bicyclists

Your rights and responsibilities are the same as for drivers. If traffic moves faster than you, keep to the right, except when:

- Passing another bicycle or vehicle.
 - Preparing for a left turn.
 - Avoiding safety hazards on the right.
- On a one-way street, riding on the left is OK.
- You may ride on the shoulder.
- Ride on the right.
- Be able to keep one hand on the handlebars when carrying things.
- Do not park your bike on its side on a sidewalk or pedestrian pathway.
- It is illegal to ride while intoxicated or high.
- It is against the law to cover both ears with earplugs or headsets.
- Do not hitch rides on vehicles.
- Do not ride on freeways where signs prohibit it.
- All bicyclists under the age of 18 must wear an approved bicycle helmet.
- You must have a permanent, regular seat attached to your bicycle.

- Every night rider must have:**
- A white light visible from the front.
 - A red rear reflector or light.
 - Yellow or white pedal reflectors.
 - Yellow or white reflectors on wheels.

For additional information, please consult the California Vehicle Code at: <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/vctop/vc/vc.htm>

Bicycle Tips

- BE ALERT...**
- Ride in a straight line with traffic— a car door's width from parked vehicles.
 - Avoid road hazards, such as oil slicks and storm drains.
 - Watch for dogs. Ignore them, or shout a loud "NO". If the dog persists, dismount with the bike between you and the canine.
 - Watch for cars pulling out. Make eye contact with the driver— don't assume anything.
- BE EQUIPPED...**
- Get into shape gradually. Stretch. Take short trips to work up to longer ones.
 - See and be seen. Use lights and reflectors.
- BE PREDICTABLE...**
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
 - Follow lane markers. Don't go straight in a "right turn only" lane, move to the left.
 - Drive in a straight path. Never weave between parked cars.
 - Respect the rights of pedestrians.
 - Use hand signals.
 - When passing on the right of a vehicle, be cautious—the motorist may not see you.
 - When turning left, either move into the turn lane as you are a motorist, or ride to the far-side crosswalk, dismount, and walk your bike across.