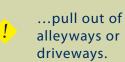


### **Common Collision Situations**

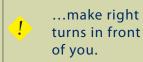
Beware of vehicles that...

...pull out from stop signs across your route.

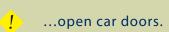














...come from the opposite direction to make a left turn.





# **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.