Under Ohio law and Columbus City Code, bicycles belong on the roadway. So, motorists and bicyclists must share the road safely. Bicyclists, like motorists, must obey all relevant traffic laws.

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**Tips for Bicyclists**

» **Obey all traffic laws**, including stopping for red lights and stop signs.
» **Ride with traffic.**
» **Try to make eye contact** with motorists in your path.
» **Keep your eyes and mind on the road.**
» **Wear a properly fitting helmet**, even on the shortest of rides.
» **Ride in the street.** Under City of Columbus Code, only young children are permitted to ride on sidewalks.
» **Keep your bike in working order**, especially your brakes and chain.
» **Ride predictably.** Use proper hand signals for turning and stopping.
» **Ride respectfully**, single file or no more than two abreast.
» **Ride outside the “door zone.”** When pedaling past parked cars, look at the driver’s-side mirrors. If you see someone, assume the door is about to open, and slow down.
» **Be visible**, wear bright clothing.
» **Use a bicycle headlight and taillight at night**, required under Columbus City Code, as well as in rainy or other inclement weather.

**Tips for Motorists**

» **By law, bicyclists belong on the road and have the right to a full lane, just like motorists.**
» **Pay attention.** Expect bikes and motorcycles on the road, and pedestrians in crosswalks.
» **Pass with care**, allow at least three feet between you and bicyclists.
» **Wait** until it’s safe to pass bicyclists.
» **Try to make eye contact** with bicyclists in your path.
» When making left turns, **yield to oncoming bikes.**
» Before making right turns, **check for approaching bicycles** on your right.
» **Use your mirrors!** Look for approaching bicyclists before opening your car doors.
» **Watch for and yield to bicyclists** when pulling out of a driveway.