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.

Share the Road

Tip Card

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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.