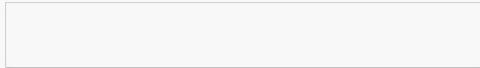


# Bicycle Safety

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The number of cyclists in the GTA is increasing exponentially. Gas prices, parking prices, inflation are all contributing factors for the ridership increase. We hope to provide you with some tips to share the road as a driver and as a cyclist.

## **Cyclist Safety**

- **Obey all Traffic Laws.** A bicycle on the road is required to follow the same traffic laws as vehicles. This included traffic sign, signals and lane markings
- **Go with the Flow.** Ride on the right most lane in the in the same direction as traffic. Go with the flow, not against it.
- **Be Predictable.** Ride in a straight line, not in and out of cars. Signal your lane changes and turns.
- **Stay Alert.** Use your eyes and ears. watch out for potholes, puddles, gravel, storm grates or anything that can cause you to lose control. Listen to traffic and avoid dangerous situations. Do not wear earphones when you ride.
- **Watch for Parked Cars.** Ride far enough from the curb to avoid parked cars doors opening or cars pulling out.
- **Wear Safety Equipment.** Helmets, gloves, glasses keep you safe from some of the dangers and risks of cycling. Wear bright clothing to make you visible to drivers.
- **Bike Maintenance.** Always check your bike before riding. Check your tires, chains and brakes. Ensure you bike has safety equipment like a bell, lights and reflective markings.

## **Driver Safety**

- **Share the Road.** Cyclists are entitled to the entire lane they are riding in. Do not try to split the lane with a bike.
- **Follow at a Safe Distance.** Bicycles may suddenly stop, try to stay a few car lengths away to given yourself time and distance to stop safely.

- **Turning Safely.** When turning right, use your mirrors and check your blind spots for cyclists. When turning left, look down the entire roadway and ensure your view of a potential cyclist is blocked.

### **Securing your Bike**

- **Always use a Sturdy Lock.** U-Locks are typically better than cable locks.
- **Lock your Wheel and Frame Together**
- **Use a Bike Rack.** Do not lock your bike to signs or posts.
- **Park Smart.** Park in well lit and high trafficked areas.
- **Remove all Items.** Remember to remove all loose items from the bike. This includes saddle bags and other pockets or contents
- **Register your Bike.** Write down your serial number and register your bike with local police departments.

<https://www.tps.ca/services/bicycle-registration/>

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