

# WALKERS

## Quick Facts

 Give special caution to walkers who are young, elderly, disabled, or intoxicated as they are the most frequent victims in auto-pedestrian collisions.

 Treat every intersection as a crosswalk, even if it is not marked by painted lines.

## Driving Guidelines

- Yield to those walking in a crosswalk. When a person is in a crosswalk, they have the right of way.
- Stop 30 feet before a crosswalk so as not to block the visibility of a driver in another lane.
- Do not pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk. This is a frequent cause of fatal traffic crashes.
- People driving on designated calm streets should reduce speeds and stay alert for people walking and biking.

# BICYCLISTS

## Quick Facts

 Bicycles are considered vehicles under state law and have the same rights and responsibilities as operators of motor vehicles.

 People biking must ride in the street unless the sidewalk is designated as a bike route. People may legally bike on streets regardless of bicycle signage or facilities.

## Driving Guidelines

- Leave enough distance when passing a person on a bike so as to prevent contact if the person were to fall into the driving lane.
- Follow the rules of the road in no-passing zones. If it is unsafe to pass, remain behind the person biking until it is safe to pass.
- Keep an eye out for any debris, gutters, or other hazards near the side of a road that would cause someone biking to veer into the driving lane.
- Look before opening a car door, and use extra caution when opening a door into a bike lane.

# BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE



"May Use Full Lane" signs alert people driving to the potential for people biking on the road. People biking may still legally use streets that do not have bicycle signs.



A shared lane marking (sharrow) is placed on the road to indicate proper lane placement for people biking. It indicates to people driving the location that people biking are likely to occupy. People biking may legally use the full lane regardless of the position of the marking.



Bike lanes provide a dedicated space on the street for people biking. People driving must yield to people biking before crossing. When parked along a bicycle lane, use caution before opening a door.



Dashed bike lanes are used near intersections to help guide proper lane placement for people biking while also indicating to people driving where they may cross the bike lane. These areas are potential conflict zones and both users should proceed with caution.



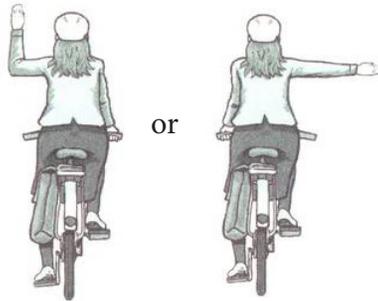
Green pavement marking is a common way to symbolize a conflict zone. It is also used to highlight an area for people biking to position for a turn at an intersection.

# HAND SIGNALS

Left Turn



Right Turn



Braking/  
Slowing  
Down



## DRIVE SAFE

- Reduce speed in neighborhoods. Most traffic fatalities involving children occur on quiet residential streets.
- Always pay attention, never use a cell phone while driving.

## BIKE SAFE

- People biking should always wear a helmet.
- People biking at night must be equipped with a red taillight or reflector and a plainly visible headlight.

Be sure to check out the City of St. Charles Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to learn more about biking and walking initiatives within the city.

Visit [www.trailnet.org](http://www.trailnet.org) for more education and encouragement opportunities



# A Driver's Guide to Sharing the Road

*Information for safely navigating the road with people walking and biking*



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