



Share the Road



A combination of higher gas prices and warmer weather has brought out the bicyclists and motorcyclists on our local roadways. Some drivers feel that the road is solely their domain. But that's not the case. Generally, bicyclists are prohibited from using freeways and interstate highways. On all other roads, both large and small, bikes belong and cyclists have a right to use the road just as motorists do.

We've gathered some tips from various resources to help increase your awareness of other users of the street network.

DRIVE CAUTIOUSLY

- Reduce speed when encountering cyclists
- Don't tailgate, especially in bad weather
- Recognize hazards cyclists may face and give them space
- Use caution at intersections



YIELD TO CYCLISTS

- Bicycles are considered vehicles
- Cyclists should be given the appropriate right of way
- Allow extra time for cyclists to traverse intersections

BE CONSIDERATE

- Scan for cyclists in traffic and at intersections
- Do not blast your horn in close proximity to cyclists
- Look for cyclists when opening doors

PASS WITH CARE

- When passing, leave four feet between you and a cyclist
- Wait for safe road and traffic conditions before you pass
- Check over your shoulder before moving back

WATCH FOR CHILDREN

- Children on bicycles are often unpredictable
- Expect the unexpected and slow down
- Don't expect children to know traffic laws
- Because of their size children can be harder to see