

## Pedestrian Safety

Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.

Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.

Keep alert at all times.

Look for cars in all directions – including those turning or backing up.

Cross at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible.

If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows you enough time to cross safely, and continue to watch for traffic as you cross.

Never assume a driver sees you.

Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.



## Share the Road

### We are better together!

Whether a motorist, bicyclist or pedestrian—that other person on the road could be a friend or neighbor of yours, or a friend of a friend. At the very least they may go to the same church, play the same sport, have the same hobbies, have kids at the same school, shop at the same stores, or vote for the same people.



# Safety is Everyone's Responsibility!

## Bicycle Safety

Bicycles are vehicles and must follow the same rules of the road.

Stopping at red lights and stop signs is the law.

It is legal to take the full lane, but should be done only when necessary for cyclist safety.

Stay away from car doors, and don't squeeze between lanes.

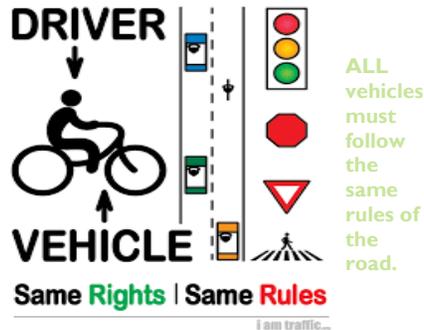
Two cyclists may ride side-by-side, but should get into single file when the road is safe enough to allow cars to pass safely and legally.

Don't ride against the flow of traffic. Ride in the same direction as vehicle traffic and ride as straight as you can to be predictable.

A front white light & rear red reflector and/or red light are required by law when riding at night and are also recommended during the daytime.

Use hand signals to indicate when merging, passing or slowing.

Yield to pedestrians. When passing a fellow cyclist or pedestrian, use a bell or audible signal and let them know you are "passing left!"



Wear your helmet. TN law requires helmets for all cyclists under 16.

## Motorist Safety

Don't drive distracted. Watch for cyclists and pedestrians in all directions at all times.

Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions such as nighttime or in bad weather.

Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street. Note slower speed limits in school zones and neighborhoods where children are present.

Yield to pedestrians and stop well back to give others an opportunity to see so they can stop too.

Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.

Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing that you don't see.

Abrupt turns can cause crashes. Always look for pedestrians and cyclists and use your turn signals.

While cars must stay out of bike lanes, bicyclists are allowed on the street or bicycle lane and are required to ride in the same direction as traffic.



Tennessee State Law requires motorists to give bicyclists at least 3 feet of space

Stay a minimum of 3 feet away from bicyclists when passing- it's the law.

Be extra cautious when backing up.

When parking on the street, look behind you for approaching bicycles before opening a car door.

Be patient when passing a cyclist on curves and hills where you cannot see oncoming traffic. One bad choice can equal many bad consequences.

Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.